

Municipal Elections 2025 | What you need to know and why your vote matters!

Lacombe County residents will head to the polls this fall as part of Alberta's municipal election on Monday, October 20, 2025.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

The official list of candidates will be posted on the Lacombe County website after September 22, 2025. Be sure to visit www.lacombecounty.com/elections for the most up-to-date information, voter requirements AND to view Candidate Profiles (new for this election).

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are unable to vote on Election Day, you can cast your ballot at an advance vote, which will take place on:

- MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. AND 8:00 p.m.
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025, between the hours

of 10:00 a.m. AND 8:00 p.m.

Advanced voting stations will be located at:

 LACOMBE COUNTY OFFICE Rural Address: 40403 RGF RD 274

(Intersection of Highway No. 12 and Spruceville Road (RGE RD 27-4) 2.5 miles west of QEII Highway and Highway No. 12 overpass west of Lacombe)

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible to vote in the election if:

- · You are at least 18 years old,
- · You are a Canadian Citizen, and
- You reside in Alberta, and your usual place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day.

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Rail Safety Week: Stay alert around tracks

Each year, lives are lost or forever changed because of rail-related incidents — most of which are preventable. From September 15 to 21, 2025, Rail Safety Week is a reminder for all of us in Lacombe County to take extra care when travelling near railway crossings or working close to tracks.

WHY IT MATTERS HERE

With busy harvest activity underway, more farm equipment and heavy trucks are sharing the roads. At the same time, families are back into school routines and residents are on the move across the County. Rail lines run through our rural communities, and crossings are part of daily travel for farmers and motorists alike. Staying alert and following the rules can prevent tragedy.

SAFETY TIPS FOR FARMERS AND RURAL TRAVELLERS

 Know your equipment. Before heading out, make sure machinery can safely clear the crossing and that loads are secure.



- Don't take chances. Trains move faster and are closer than they appear. Never try to beat a train across the tracks.
- Wait it out. Only cross if there is enough space to completely clear the tracks on the other side — don't stop partway.
- Stay off the tracks. Tracks are private property, not a shortcut or parking spot. Trespassing is both illegal and dangerous.
- Avoid distractions. Put away phones, turn down music, and keep your focus on the road when approaching a crossing.

A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Rail Safety Week is supported across Canada by Operation Lifesaver, Transport Canada, rail companies, and municipalities like Lacombe County. Together, we can reduce risks by reminding each other — and teaching our kids — how to stay safe around trains.

Let's all do our part to make sure that every trip, whether in a tractor, a truck, or a family car, ends safely.

For more information and resources, visit www.operationlifesaver.ca.

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(From front): Municipal Election What you need to know

VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS

All registered voters are required to show valid government issued identification containing the voters name and photograph.

Samples of common

identification: Alberta Drivers Licence, Canadian Passport, Canadian Citizenship Card, Canadian Forces ID card, Veterans Health Care ID card, First Nation Membership card, Métis Nation of Alberta Citizenship card.

All non-registered voters will be required to complete a statement of elector eligibility and show valid government issued identification containing a photograph, name, and current physical home address. If unable to produce government issued photo identification, you'll be required to provide valid ID with your name and address (showing your physical home address), such as a bank statement, personal cheque, mortgage statement, income tax assessment or vehicle ownership/registration.

ELECTION DAY VOTING STATIONS

Election Day is October 20, 2025. There is a possibility that not every division in Lacombe County will necessarily have an election this year, for example, if only one person is running for office in a division.

Once nominations close and candidates are confirmed, we will share a complete list of Election Day voting stations.

You can find this information:

- On the Lacombe County website (www.lacombecounty. com/elections)
- On our social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn)
- In local newspapers

WHY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS MATTER

Municipal governments play a direct role in your daily life. They are responsible for services such as road maintenance, snow removal, water distribution, municipal planning and development, fire services, parks and trails, bylaw enforcement, and property taxes. The decisions made by the County Council shape the future of our communities and affect how services are delivered.

By casting your ballot, you are helping to choose the leaders who will make decisions about the services and infrastructure you rely on every day. Your vote ensures your voice is heard in shaping the future of Lacombe County.

NOTICE OF ADVANCE VOTE & Requirements for Voter Identification

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION ACT (Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)

Local Jurisdiction: LACOMBE COUNTY, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given

A. That an advance vote will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office	Number of Vacancies	Electoral Division Number
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 1
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 2
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 3
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 4
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 5
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 6
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 7

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In order to vote, you must produce for inspection one of more of the acceptable forms of identification required by section 53 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

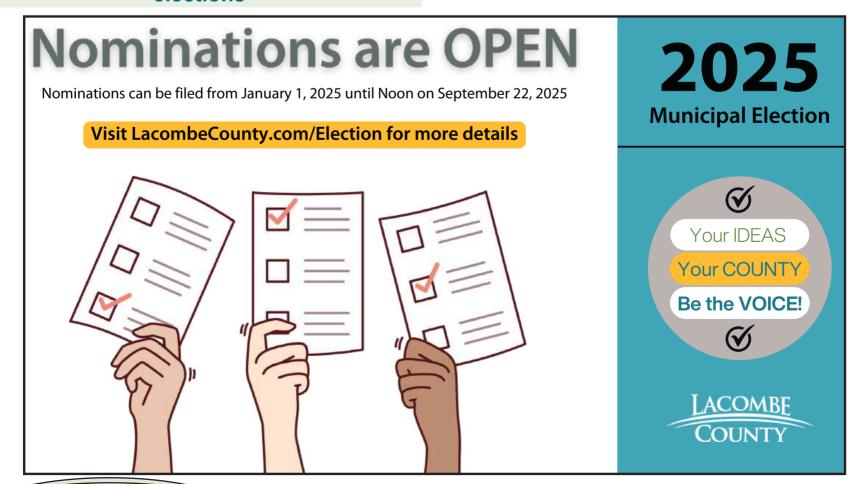
For a complete list of Voter Eligibility Identification Requirements please visit www.lacombecounty.com/elections.

DATED at Lacombe County, in the Province of Alberta, this 19th day of September 2025.



Michelle Eadie, Returning Officer returningofficer@lacombecounty.com 403.505.8133 www.lacombecounty.com

Learn more at www.LacombeCounty.com/ elections



NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTION ACT (Section 26)

Local Jurisdiction: **LACOMBE COUNTY**, Province of Alberta Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is Monday, September 22, 2025 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the **Lacombe County Office** set out within the period beginning on January 2, 2025 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Offices	Number of Vacancies	Electoral Division Number
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 1
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 2
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 3
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 4
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 5
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 6
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	1	Division 7

Location of Local Jurisdiction Office:

LACOMBE COUNTY OFFICE

RR 3

LACOMBE, AB

Rural Address: 40403 RGE RD 274

(Intersection of Highway No. 12 and Spruceville Road (Rge Rd 27-4) 2.5 miles west of QEII Highway and Highway No. 12 overpass west of Lacombe)

DATED at the District of Lacombe County in the Province of Alberta, this 15th day of August, 2025.



Michelle Eadie, Returning Officer returningofficer@lacombecounty.com 403.782.6601

www.lacombecounty.com/election



Do you have outstanding 2025 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, 2025.

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:

- By mail to: Lacombe County, RR3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3
 - Mailed payments must be postmarked by Canada Post no later than August 31st of the current year. If the postmark is illegible or missing, the actual date of receipt by Lacombe County will apply.
- In Person: At the County Office (40403 RGE RD 274, Lacombe County, AB) during office hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
 - Deposited in the envelope mailbox located at the road entrance to the County office (do not submit cash).
- Through Your Financial Institution: Payments can be made at most financial institutions through internet or telephone banking.
 - Set up Lacombe County as a bill payee using roll number

for taxes, utility account number for utilities.

- Each roll and utility account number needs to be set up individually, or payments may be misapplied.
- Electronic funds transfer (EFT):
 Businesses, please contact the office if interested in paying by EFT.
- By Credit Card: visit 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.)

Tax Installment Payment Plan:

Those enrolled in the County's tax installment plan (TIPP) will see their payment adjusted, annually in May to reflect the new tax rates for the current year.

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 "tearaway" 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.

CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION RANGE ROAD 24-0



Lacombe County is notifying residents of an upcoming road construction project starting on October 8, 2025 on Rge Rd 24-4 (West 28 & 33-40-24 W4 from Hwy 12 to Twp Rd 41-0).

Construction will start Wednesday, October 8, 2025 and is expected to take +/- 5 weeks to complete (weather permitting). Minor delays may occur.

Please drive with caution around construction crews, and obey all signs.





CONTEST RUNS FROM OCTOBER 1 TO OCTOBER 31.

1st Place \$400 | 2nd Place \$200 | 3rd Place \$100

Rules and entry form are available online: www.lacombecounty.com.

QUESTIONS? Email jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com or call 403-782-8959.

Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING

for the South Sylvan Lake Area Off-Site Levy

BYLAW NO. 1442/25

Lacombe County is proposing an off-site levy in the South Sylvan Lake Area to fund the upgrading of County roadways from gravel to paved asphalt, as well as intersection improvements.

First Reading to Bylaw 1442/25 was given September 11, 2025 by Lacombe County Council.

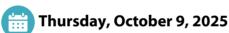
WHAT IS A PUBLIC HEARING?

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

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed bylaw will have an opportunity to do so at the Public Hearing



WHEN IS THE PUBLIC HEARING?





9:00 AM

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

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



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

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/offsitelevy

Provide written comments Written submissions can be made to the County, All submissions must be received by the County prior to the date of the Public Hearing.

EMAIL planning@lacombecounty.com FAX 403-782-3820, or MAIL RR 3, Lacombe AB, T4L 2N3

All submissions will be public information

or learn more at www.lacombecounty.com/offsitelevy



ANNOUNCING

New look and feel for Lacombe County website

On September 18, Lacombe County launched a refreshed website. While the look and feel will be a little different, the site will remain easy to navigate and continue to provide quick access to the information and services you rely on.

This change is happening because our current system has reached the end of its life cycle. Over the past few months, staff across all departments have worked together to review pages, update information, and prepare for this transition.

We're excited to share the new site with you, and we'll continue to make improvements to ensure it meets the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors.

If you notice anything missing or not working as expected, please let us know so we can address it quickly. You can email communications@lacombecounty.com with any feedback.



Fairview Cemetery Expansion Phase 1B

Construction on the Fairview Cemetery Expansion Project will resume this

Construction in the northeast section of the cemetery will include:

- · Installation of concrete grave runners
- · Placement of benches for reflection and rest
- · Softscaping (plants) to enhance the natural setting
- · Creation of a scattering garden

Graveside services will continue to take place throughout the project, with the project slated to be completed by summer 2026.



Log on to lacombe.ca/cemetery to learn more today.



SAFETY FIRST

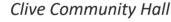


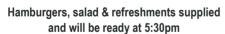
Clive & Rural Crime Watch COOKOUT PART

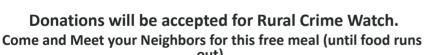
Friday, September 19th, 2025 5:30-7:30

at









LET'S BUILD COMMUNITY

Your Local Community Sponsors

















Clive FCSS: clivefcss@lacombefcss.net 403-784-2020



Rail Safety Tips

Talk to your family about crossing railway tracks safely. Follow these tips to keep your family safe!



When approaching a railway crossing, slow down and be prepared to stop













MIRROR CORNER



SERVICES AVAILABLE TO MIRROR

WAYS TO ACCESS:

- 1. Stop in to the Mirror Community Library for a referral
- 2. CONTACT IN PERSON or BY PHONE EITHER
- Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

OR

Bashaw & Area Community Resource Centre

Social Services

Food Hampers

Information & Form Support

Assistance in Navigating Systems and Accessing Services

Meals on Wheals



Bay 1 & 2, 5008 50 Ave, Alix AB 403-396-3369

All Ages

Print/ Copy/ Fax & Technology Services Community Services and Events

Volunteer Services Wellness Services

Child, Youth & Family

School Setting Supports Youth Summer Programs Afterschool Program

Senior & Adult

Seniors In-Home Supports Seniors Outreach Workers

Transportation to Medical Appointments Adult Education and Career Planning

In Alix:

FREE Weekly Veggies Puzzle Exchange

In Bashaw:

Medical Clinic NOW OPEN!



4909 50 Street, Rashaw, AB 780-372-4074

MIRROR ASSOCIATION BALL DIAMOND, CAMPGROUND AND

SKATING **Annual General** Meeting

WEDNESDAY OCT 1, 2025 SKATING RINK BUILDING **5015 51 STREET, MIRROR AB** 6:00 PM

COME BE A PART OF A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO STRIVE
TO BRING OUR COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING AREA'S
TOGETHER BY PROVIDING OURDOOR EVENTS
AND SPORTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



Mirror Dog Tags

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

Lifetime license fees:

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

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

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

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

If you would like to report a contravention of the Dog Control Bylaw, please call 403-506-9380, or email info@klassickennels.com. **For animal welfare issues please

> contact the Alberta SPCA at http://www. albertaspca.org/***

Jolly Seniors

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

Booking Mirror Community Hall

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

Mirror and District Museum

Contact mmuseum@cciwireless.ca if you would like to volunteer and for hours of operation

Friends of the Mirror Library Society/Mirror Library

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

Hours: Wednesday 1-5 PM 2nd & 4th Saturday 11 AM - 3 PM

Please like us at: facebook.com/

booksinmirror for the most up to date information. The Library also has meeting spaces for rent and free Wi-Fi. Please contact us through the Facebook page or email booksinmirror@gmail.com.

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

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

CN Rail crossing delays

If you experience delays longer than 20 minutes at the Mirror rail yard crossing, call CN Rail at 1-800-465-9239. 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.



OPERATIONS

CONSTRUCTION SEASON REMINDER

Please drive carefully around construction crews and obey ALL signs and speed limits during construction. If you have questions or concerns regarding any project, please contact the Operations department at 403-782-8379.

All notifications and maps can be found at lacombecounty.com under Construction Notifications (in Quick Links).

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE & DETOUR FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Lacombe County began bridge replacement work on Bridge File 6989, located at NW 33-41-27 W4M (tributary to Whelp Brook), starting August 21, 2025. As part of this project, sections of Twp Rd 415B, Rge Rd 273A and Twp Rd 415 will be closed to through traffic and accessible to local traffic only. The road closures are necessary to safely complete the construction of the bridge.

The project is expected to be completed by September 22, 2025, weather permitting. Detour routes will be clearly marked, and signage will be in place to guide motorists around the construction area. Lacombe County reminds all drivers to obey posted signage and use caution when travelling in the area.

A map of the project location and detour route is included below for reference.



NOTICE OF WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON BRIDGE 0439

Lacombe County advises drivers of the following changes in traffic patterns due to safety concerns on a County bridge.

 Bridge 0439, northwest of Range Road 1-2 on Township Road 40-2, east of Highway 20 (near Bentley), over the Blindman River, will be restricted to 5-tonne weight loads starting on Friday, August 22, 2025.

Road users must meet restrictions or use an alternate route. The restriction will remain in place until appropriate improvements or remedial work can be completed.

Please watch for and obey the posted signage.





NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION

Pursuant to Municipal Government Act M-26.1 534(1) Lacombe County hereby provides notice to any person having an interest in land that is adjacent to lands which Lacombe County has constructed a public road. Persons entitled to compensation from the municipality for loss of or the permanent lessening of use of that person's land caused by the public work are advised to make a claim within 60 days after this notice is published.

The following road has been completed as of August 19, 2025:

Project Number C0342

Description Rge Rd 3-4 West 28 &33-40-3 W5M From Hwy 12 to Twp Rd 41-0

Bridge Reopened on Range Road 24-5

Lacombe County is pleased to announce that the replacement of Bridge File 1759, located at SW 5-41-24 W4M (a tributary to Parlby Creek), has been completed. The section of Range Road 24-5 that was closed during construction has now reopened to all traffic.

The project, which began on July 14, 2025, involved the demolition of the old structure and construction of a new bridge to improve safety and reliability. We thank area residents and

motorists for their patience and cooperation throughout the project.







FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH

For Ryan Krook, service to others has always been second nature. A paramedic for more than 16 years, Ryan first got involved with the Eckville Fire Department after encouragement from his colleagues at the local EMS hall. "It gave me another avenue to give back to the people in my community," he explained.

A SECOND FAMILY

What Ryan values most about being a volunteer firefighter is the sense of teamwork. "You're part of another family," he said. "You train together and work as an amazing team. You get to help people on what may be the worst day of their life—and hopefully make their day just a little bit better and less scary."

That teamwork has stood out in real situations. Ryan recalls one memorable call when his department responded to a vehicle rollover on a training night. "It was amazing to see how everyone worked together seamlessly, like we had done it a hundred times before," he said. That collaboration helped ensure a positive outcome for everyone involved.

ADVICE FOR FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS

Ryan encourages anyone who's considering becoming a volunteer firefighter to take the leap: "Do it! It's a great way to make friends and meet new people. You gain valuable life skills and can make a real difference in the life of someone in need."

GIVING BACK

For Ryan, firefighting is about more than the calls. "None of the members on any department in Lacombe County do it for the money—we're all here to give back to our community and to help our neighbours during a crisis," he said.

And according to Ryan, there's one more perk: "The uniform makes you look pretty good—at least that's what my wife says (and the ladies at the nursing home seem to agree)!"

Ryan Krook

Eckville Fire Department



2025 Paving Projects wrap up

Lacombe County has completed its 2025 paving and road maintenance program, with approximately 29 kilometres of roads repaved or newly constructed this year.

This year's paving program included:

- Twp. Rd. 39-3 (Eckville West) & RR 3-5 (Eckville North) – 7.087 km
- Sunbreaker Cove Boat Launch Road (RR 2-2) - 2.122 km
- Sandy Point Access Road 2.088 km total (main access, beach access, and south parking lot)

- RR 1-0 (Meridian Road) & Brighton Beach was carried out on: Road - 2.235 km
- Prentiss Road (RR 26-0) 6.640 km
- Tees and McLaurin subdivisions 1km for each.

In addition, Range Road 2-4 (Eagle Quay Subdivision) received 6.728 km of new base work and fresh pavement, providing a smoother, longerlasting surface for residents and visitors.

CHIP SEALING PROJECTS

Alongside our paving program, the Chip Sealing Program was also completed this summer. Work



Sunbreaker Cove paving

- Last Hill Road 3.2 km
- Nova Chemicals East (to Highway 815) -
- 34th Street (Lacombe Boundary to Hwy 2A & Twp. Rd. 41-1 to the bridge) – 2.1

These projects are part of Lacombe County's commitment to maintaining safe, reliable roads across the region. Thank you to residents and drivers for their patience during construction season!



Chip Seal on 34th Street



Tees Subdivision paving



ENVIRONMENT

Lacombe County Environmental Stewardship Award now open

Since 2021, Lacombe County has shone a light on remarkable individuals and groups with the Environmental Stewardship Award, celebrating their dedication to ecological conservation on their properties within the county.

This award is open to individuals and community non-government organizations as well.

Nomination Process:

Nominations are open from July 15, 2025, to September 30, 2025.

How to Nominate: Submit nominations in person or via email to jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com. Include full contact information of the nominee and a detailed description of their environmental efforts.

Eligibility:

- Must be a resident/organization in Lacombe County.
- · Recipient can only win once.
- Nominations must be submitted by September 30, 2025.

Forms available at www.lacombecounty.com/EnvironmentalAward.

Award: A one-time cash prize of \$1,500 will be awarded, recognizing significant contributions to environmental stewardship.

About the Environmental Stewardship Award:

The Environmental Stewardship Award is part of Lacombe County's commitment to environmental sustainability. In 2021, the Environmental Community Engagement Program was launched, encompassing educational and sustainability

initiatives. This program was extended by the Council in 2023 due to its success.

Past Winners:

- 2024: Nick Harper Restoration and preservation, including reforestation (150 native trees planted), pond restoration, and implementing sustainable grazing practices.
- 2023: Ward Nelson Notable for planting over 2000 trees and implementing solarpowered livestock watering systems.
- 2022: Joan Olafson Continued stewardship of 80 acres encompassing wetlands, forest, and streams.
- 2021: Sharon and Rick Wiebe Developed a community garden, off-site watering systems, and other sustainable projects.

More details available at

www.lacombecounty.com/EnvironmentalAward



CHECK IT OUT: Medicine River Watershed Society website

The Medicine River Watershed Society advocates for the health of both the Medicine River and the related Paskapoo aquifer. If you would like to learn more about the watershed society activities /advocacy and how you can help, please scan this QR code, which will take you to the Medicine River Watershed Society website or visit them at https://medicineriverwatershed.ca/.

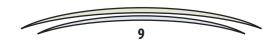




NOTICE: RESERVE LAND INSPECTIONS September & October

Lacombe County staff will be conducting inspections of reserve lands throughout the County in the months of September and October.

Inspections are completed to ensure the use and management of County reserves remains consistent with <u>Policy RC(8)</u>: <u>Use and Management of County Reserve Lands</u>.



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 to prevent 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:

- 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 nonfrozen 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 2.7 m (9 feet) of frost coverage in Alberta!
- Don't forget to insulate the plastic lid of your holding tank. An uninsulated lid can allow heat from bioactivity to escape even

- if the sides and top of the holding tank are 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 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.</p>

WINTERIZING FOR EXTENDED HOLIDAYS OR WINTER MONTH ABSENCES

 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.
- 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 you're 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 <u>any</u> valves in or after the holding tank, <u>never</u> run a pump with valves closed on the intake or discharge side of your system, <u>this may damage the</u> pump and piping!



Fall is the best time to test for radon

As the weather cools and we begin closing up our homes for the season, now is the perfect time to test for radon.

WHAT IS RADON?

Radon is a colourless, odourless, radioactive gas that comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. It can enter homes through cracks in foundations, sump pumps, drains, and other openings. Because it is invisible and has no smell, the only way to know if your home has radon is to test for it.

WHY TEST IN FALL AND WINTER?

When our windows and doors are closed, radon is more likely to accumulate indoors. This makes the cooler months the most accurate time to test. Health Canada recommends testing for a minimum of three months between October and April.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Long-term exposure to high levels of radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in Canada after smoking. Testing your home is simple, inexpensive, and could protect your family's health.

HOW TO TEST:

- Purchase a do-it-yourself test kit (available online or at many hardware stores).
- Consider hiring a certified radon professional.

If high levels are found, mitigation systems are available and effective.

Protect your family this fall—make radon testing part of your seasonal routine.

For more information on radon and testing options, visit Health Canada's Radon webpage, or check out Alberta Lung Association or the

Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (CARST).

Protecting wetlands & drainage after harvest

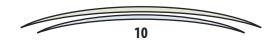
As harvest wraps up and producers begin fieldwork along ditches, Lacombe County reminds everyone of the importance of protecting wetlands and maintaining proper drainage. Cutting too deeply into ditches or altering natural drainage patterns can cause long-term impacts, including:

- · Increased risk of flooding and erosion.
- Damage to County roads and infrastructure.
- · Loss of wetland habitat and water quality.

We ask producers to be mindful when working near ditches this fall. Please avoid altering drainage courses, and remember that wetlands are protected under provincial legislation. Responsible management today helps ensure strong, sustainable land for tomorrow.

For more information on wetland regulations and drainage, please contact Jordan Nakonechny at jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com or call 403-782-8959.





AGRICULTURE

Grazing Across Continents Showcases Innovation in Soil Health and Stewardship

By Martina Hubl, Communications Coordinator, CAFLA

On August 23, Arbutus Hall became the hub of a global conversation on regenerative agriculture as 56 producers gathered with a visiting delegation of Australian grazers for "Grazing Across Continents." Hosted by the Central Alberta Forage and Livestock Association (CAFLA) and Regenerative Alberta Living Lab (RA-LL), the field day focused on knowledge-sharing, soil health innovation, and cultural exchange in land stewardship.

Tatyana Pavlovets of CAFLA introduced the association's role in Alberta agriculture, explaining how CAFLA fits within the larger ARECA network of forage and applied research groups across the province.

Kimberly Cornish of RA-LL launched the educational portion with an overview of the six principles of

soil health, sparking discussions on carbon allocation and regional soil differences. She highlighted tools supporting Alberta's regenerative practices, including a developing adaptive multi-paddock (AMP) grazing app. Demonstrated with data from 4 Clover Ranch, the app helps producers make real-time grazing decisions.

Cornish also showcased the Plant Communities app, designed to track pasture biodiversity. "Take as much baseline data as you can," she advised, emphasizing the importance of observation and diversity: "Diversity is key to resilience and redundancy of function.

Kim Nielsen then presented the story of 4 Clover Ranch, founded in 1992. Using decades of pasture data, he detailed his rotational grazing strategies and compared synthetically managed



Kim Nielsen welcomes Albertan and Australian grazers to 4 Clover Ranch for a field walk on August 23, 2025, as part of the "Grazing Across Continents"

paddocks with one untouched for over 40 years. Of particular interest to the Australians was winter grazing—Nielsen explained bale and swath grazing techniques that sustain livestock through Alberta's long winters, with data showing increased organic matter and pasture health over 20 years.

Nielsen credited key mentors for shaping his approach. "Grant Lastiwka inspired me to stockpile feed over winter," he said, "and Jim Bauer inspired me to calve out in sync with nature."

Ahead of the main pasture walk, Andrew Korver and Reid Caukill helped identify over 30 plant species in a paddock known as "Cabin South," a field that hadn't been reseeded in more than 40 years. The diversity, said Nielsen, is a testament to longterm soil health.

Nielsen also shared insights from Alcheringa Pastoral, the family's Australian operation. There, they've implemented warm-season cover cropping and habitat-building projects.

A producer panel followed, featuring Canadians and Australians exchanging key takeaways. Producer Ulla Thomsen echoed earlier themes: "Trust your own observations. Get out and see and learn from it," reinforcing the value of ground-level knowledge and first-hand monitoring.

The afternoon included soil sampling and water infiltration demos, as well as a showcase of the Razer Grazer portable fencing tool. Attendees left with new tools, ideas, and inspiration—connected by a shared commitment to soil health and resilient grazing systems.

CAFLA offers both soil and forage sampling services to support producers in making informed land management decisions. Members receive a discounted rate on these services. To book a soil sampling service or to learn more about becoming a CAFLA member, contact us at general@cafla-ab. ca or call 403-844-2645.

2025 Collection Events for Unwanted Pesticides and Old Livestock/Equine **Medications are Coming to Northern Alberta** (north of Red Deer)







FARMERS!

Got unwanted pesticides or livestock/equine meds?

Safely dispose of unwanted pesticides or livestock/equine meds at a Cleanfarms collection event - no charge!

Collection events run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

RAPRHEAD

Tuesday, Oct. 7th **Nutrien Ag Solutions** 6201 46th St.

BENALTO

Friday, Oct. 10th Benalto Agri Services Ltd. 38531 Range Rd. 2–4

CALMAR

Monday, Oct. 6th Leduc Co-op 49451 Range Rd. 263

EDBERG

Friday, Oct. 10th Crop Management 44264 Range Rd. 201

LAMONT

Tuesday, Oct. 7th Richardson Pioneer 553032 RR 195, 1 mile E of Lamont on Hwy. 15

Thursday, Oct. 9th Sturgeon Valley Fertilizers 57402 RR 252A

MARWAYNE Monday, Oct. 6th

Parrish & Heimbecker 212 Railway Ave. NEERLANDIA

Monday, Oct. 6th

Neerlandia Co-op 3224 Twp. Rd. 615A PONOKA Thursday, Oct. 9th

PROVOST

Thursday, Oct. 9th Synergy AG Hwy 13, 1 mile E of Provost, quarter mile N on Range Rd. 23

SEDGEWICK

Friday, Oct. 10th Wild Rose Co-op 12473 Twp. Rd. 441

STETTLER

Wednesday, Oct. 8th 7007 50th Ave (on Hwy. 12 E)

STURGEON COUNTY

Friday, Oct. 10th Sturgeon Valley Fertilizers 55003 Range Rd 253, St. Albert

VEGREVILLE

esday, Oct. 8th Crop Management Network 5926 60th St.

VERMILION

Tuesday, Oct. 7th Cargill Range Rd 63, 1 mile E of Vermilion

VIKING

Thursday, Oct. 9th Wild Rose Co-op 5130 55th St.

WAINWRIGHT

Wednesday, Oct. 8th Parrish & Heimbecker Intersection of Hwy. 14 & Hwy. 41, 2 miles S on

WASKATENAU

Monday, Oct. 6th Richardson Pioneer 19409 Hwy 656

WESTLOCK Wednesday, Oct. 8th

Nutrien Ag Solutions 10116 108th St.

WETASKIWIN

esday, Oct. 7th Wetaskiwin Co-op 3702 47th St.







Next collection events in this region in 2028. For collection dates in other regions, visit: cleanfarms.ca/ materials/unwanted-pesticides-animal-meds/









Have Your Say: Gopher Infestation Survey

Lacombe County is asking producers to share their experiences with gopher (Richardson's Ground Squirrel) infestations on agricultural land.

This survey isn't a scientific study, but rather a way to gather an overall picture of the impact gophers are having on farmland. The results will be compiled into a summary for the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, with the goal of encouraging timely action on this issue.

The Agricultural Service Board of Alberta, alongside the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, has been raising concerns at both the provincial and federal levels following the loss of 2% Strychnine as a control option.

Your input is critical in helping provide a clear and credible picture of the challenges farmers are facing.

TAKE SURVEY AT:

https://forms.gle/DgzYWG4ZPmmjkpQx6 (or scan the QR code, below)





The importance of fall weed control

There is still time left to control those problem weeds you've been struggling with all summer. Fall presents an excellent time of year to make progress on removing stubborn perennial weeds – especially Canada thistle or pesky dandelions.

With the cooler fall season temperatures coming in, grass finally has a chance to recover from the heat stress of summer. You can encourage good grass competition during this time, which in turn will help choke out any lingering weeds. Fertilizing, aerating, top dressing, reseeding, and proper mowing height can help a lawn setting. With pastures, rotational grazing, proper stocking rates, seeding/overseeding, and nutrient adjustments contribute to a good healthy grass stand. Essentially, any activity that can help encourage your grass to build up a healthy root reserve of nutrients to last it through the winter and

to be well prepared for spring weather.

Another thing to keep in mind as you might be deadheading, pruning or removing built up dead or dying material, is the proper disposal of yard waste. Whether it be weed flowers or seed heads, diseased branches and leaves, or just general plant material, be mindful of how and where you might be transporting these undesirables, as they can cause issues if they aren't dealt with properly.

Lastly, a fall herbicide application can be an extremely effective technique for resolving perennial weed concerns before they become a problem next growing season. Make sure to use a registered, selective herbicide for best results.

If you have any questions, please call the Lacombe County Agriculture department at 403.782.8959.



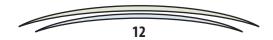


Changes to the Agricultural Container Recycling Program



Agricultural Container Recycling

Effective January 1st, 2025, Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission no longer accepts the <23L agricultural containers (Eckville, Alix/Mirror, and



Prentiss). 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 & Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, Ag Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)
- Richardson Pioneer East of Lacombe on Hwy 12 & Range Road 261 Ph:403-782-3033
 - (Seed & Pesticide Bags, Ag Containers <23L, Tote Bags, Totes and Drums)
- Nutrien Ag Solutions Bentley 4801-52 Street Ph:403-748-3991 (Seed & Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, Ag Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)
- Central AB Co-op Eckville 4828-50 Ave Ph:403-746-2011 (Seed and Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, Totes

and Drums, Ag Containers <23L)

Parrish & Heimbecker – Joffre Hwy Junction 815 & 597 Ph:403-588-7200 (Seed & Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, Ag Containers <23L, Totes and Drums)

LRWSC does not accept Agricultural Seed & Pesticide Bags, Tote Bags, and Totes & Drums.

If your retailer will not accept your containers, please call one of the above listed retailers to inquire about accepting them for recycling.

Large volumes of empty <23L agricultural containers (>25 bags) can be arranged for on farm pickup by calling Clean Farms at 877-622-

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





Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program resumes this fall

Since 2019, Lacombe County has partnered with Cleanfarms to provide producers with a convenient way to recycle agricultural plastics. Each year, the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program resumes in the fall, with collection running from October through April.

This program is part of Lacombe County's commitment to helping farmers manage plastics responsibly, while keeping agricultural operations efficient and sustainable.

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

In Lacombe County, the program currently accepts two types of agricultural plastics:

- Grain Bags Collected directly from farms
- Twine Collected through drop-off recycling bags

Not accepted: Net wrap/netting, bale wrap, or silage wrap.

GRAIN BAG RECYCLING

- When: October through April
- Where: On-farm pickup (must be scheduled)

How it works: Grain bags must be rolled, clean, and free of mud, grain, debris, or vermin. Producers are responsible for assisting during pickup.

To ensure quality standards are met, bags should be prepared and scheduled for pickup within one week of grain extraction.

TWINE RECYCLING

Free recycling bags are available at the Lacombe County Office and Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission (LRWSC) transfer stations.

- Preparation: Shake off excess debris, snow, and ice.
 Place twine in the recycling bags and tie them closed (but do not knot the twine itself).
- **Drop-off**: Full bags can be returned to LRWSC transfer sites during regular hours.

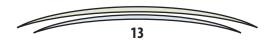
Twine that is excessively dirty may not be accepted, or tipping fees may apply.

WHY IT MATTERS

Agricultural plastics are a necessary part of modern farming, but without proper recycling they can create long-term environmental challenges. This program gives Lacombe County producers an opportunity to reduce waste, protect soil and water quality, and ensure these plastics are processed in a sustainable way.

GET INVOLVED

For more information, or to schedule grain bag collection this fall, visit lacombecounty.com or contact the Lacombe County office at 403-782-8959.



SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Do you have questions about subdivision or development activity?

Contact Us:

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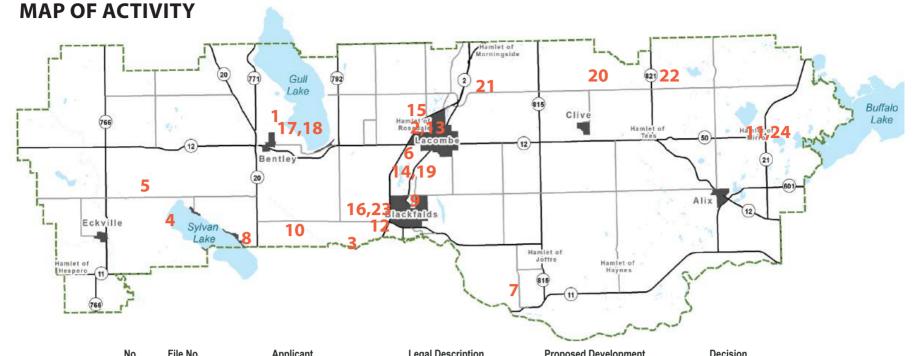
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Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision (otherwise pending)
1	105/25	Michael & Kathryn Esmond	Pt. NE 2-41-01-W5M	Dwelling w/covered deck and attached garage Replacement Residence	Approved
2	106/25	Darren & Cindy Hudkins	Lot 8 Block 1 Plan 151Z (Hamlet of Rosedale Valley)	Addition to Existing Dwelling	Approved
3	107/25	Malex Custom Homes	Pt. SE 13-39-28-W4M	Dwelling w/attached garage, covered porch and covered deck	Approved
4	108/25	Steven Hiscock & Michelle Metlewsky	Lot 12 Block 1 Plan 074 0786 (Eagles Quay, Sylvan Lake)	Dwelling w/attached garage and covered deck	Approved
5	109/25	Emily Moos	NW 07-40-02-W5M	Dwelling, Second	Approved
6	110/25	Kurt Belich	Block 1 Plan 992 0636 (Pt. SW 23-40-27-W4M)	Sign	Approved
7	111/25	Neil Glover	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 942 3416 (Pt. SE 25-38-26-W4M)	Dwelling, Second Existing	Approved
8	112/25	Benoit Trudeau	SW 16-39-01-W5M	Community Facility Lighthouse Christian Academy	
9	113/25	Charles & Delrose Burns	Lot 9 Block 1 Plan 012 0261 (Greystone Ranch)	Accessory Buildings Existing	Approved
10	114/25	Troy & Kerrie Tisdale	Lot A Block 1674RS (Pt. NW of NE 20-39-28-W4M)	Dwelling, Second Existing	Approved
11	115/25	Alberta Conference of Seventh Day Adventist Church	Lots 27-30 Block 26 Plan 7159Al (Hamlet of Mirror)	Community Facility Addition to existing church	Approved
12	116/25	Aggregate Design Studio	Lot 13 Block 1 Plan 212 1803 (South Aspelund Industrial Park)	Addition to Office Building	Approved
13	117/25	Connie Ilchuk	Lot 4 Plan 2419TR (Hamlet of Rosedale Valley)	Setback Relaxation Existing dwelling	Approved
14	118/25	Tyler Pell	Lot 7 Block 2 Plan 002 0581 (Lacombe Lake Estates)	Accessory Building	Approved
15	119/25	Wim & Linda van Wijk	SW 01-41-27-W4M	Dwelling, First	Approved
16	120/25	Aggregate Design Studio	Lot 10 Block 6 Plan 192 3350, (North Aspelund Industrial Park)	Addition to Office Building	Approved
17	121/25	Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 203 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	Modular Home & Shed	Approved
18	122/25	Mark & Tammy Albers	Unit 27 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	Addition to Existing Shed	Approved



No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision (otherwise pending)
19	123/25	William & Kendra Cleveland-Illife	Lot 3 Block 4 Plan 002 0581 (Lacombe Lake Estates)	Detached Garage	Approved
20	124/25	Ryan & Emily Law	NE 17-41-24-W4M	Dwelling, First	Approved
21	125/25	Jeff Taylor	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 032 5408 (Pt. SW 14-41-26-W4M)	Home Based Business, Minor Renewal, Repair Shop	Approved

Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision (otherwise pending)
22	S-024-25	Bette Jo Drisdelle	NW 17-41-23-W4M	1st Parcel Out	
23	S-025-25	Aggregate Design Studio	Lot 10 Block 6 Plan 192 3350 (Pt. S1/2 28-39-27-W4M)	Boundary Adjustment	
24	S-026-25	Wilson Cruickshank Law Office	Lots 6&7 Block 32 Plan 7159Al (Hamlet of Mirror)	Residential	

Lacombe County, Town of Blackfalds, City of Lacombe approve North Blindman River Tri-Municipal Collaborative

The North Blindman River Tri-Municipal Collaborative (NBRTC) establishes a tri-party partnership focused on strategic regional discussions of shared interest.

The Chief Administrative Officers of the partnering municipalities collaboratively developed a Terms of Reference (TOR) for the regional committee after members of the Intermunicipal Development Plan and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Committee (IDP/ICF), which both include members from all three municipalities, unanimously resolved to recommend exploring the development of a Regional Collaboration Committee to expand cooperation.

"The creation of the NBRTC is a natural next step in building on the strong partnerships that exist between the City of Lacombe, Lacombe County, and the Town of Blackfalds," Acting City of Lacombe CAO Jordan Thompson said. "By coming together in this way, our municipalities can work more strategically on shared opportunities and challenges, ensuring that regional collaboration continues to serve the best interests of our communities. The Committee's advisory role will help us strengthen cooperation,

while respecting and supporting the important work of our existing intermunicipal committees."

The NBRTC strengthens regional collaboration by discussing issues and opportunities of mutual interest and recommending areas for cooperation. The NBRTC does not replace existing committees, such as the ICF/IDP Committee between the City and the County. Rather, it serves as a tri-party strategic advisory committee that provides recommendations on regional initiatives to the respective Councils.

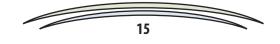
"Our municipalities have a long history of working together, built on mutual respect and a shared commitment to our residents," Lacombe County Manager Tim Timmons said. "The NBRTC builds on that strong foundation, giving us a new opportunity to deepen collaboration, explore regional opportunities, and strengthen the ties that have long connected our communities."

The NBRTC membership includes two Council members from each municipality. Each municipality appoints an additional Council member to serve as an alternate if one of its appointed Council members

cannot attend a committee meeting. The CAOs from each municipality serve the committee in an advisory, non-voting capacity.

"The Town of Blackfalds is incredibly excited to participate in this opportunity to enhance the partnership with our neighbouring communities," Town of Blackfalds CAO Kim Isaak said. "This collaboration will not only strengthen the communication and trust between all three entities but also encourage even more opportunities for guidance and positive impact."

A workshop is planned to prioritize an initial list of topics to guide the NBRTC's initial work plan. Committee discussion topics may include, but are not limited to, strategic growth, infrastructure, recreation, culture, economic development, emergency services, and regional planning. Matters outside the committee's scope include direct management of operational or administrative matters and items already governed under existing agreements or committees.



Planning Services

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. The purpose of this Q&A article is to provide information to our community on this day and its importance.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION?

Created as a response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action for a statutory day of commemoration, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a day for all Canadians to reflect on the importance of reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous communities. The Holiday provides a time for Canadians to share and listen to Indigenous communities' historical and present-day experiences, creating an opportunity for dialogue and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. This dialogue and sharing of stories is a critical piece of an ongoing reconciliation process.

Furthermore, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who were victims of the Canadian Indian Residential School System – including survivors and those who did not return home, as well as their families and communities. The intergenerational trauma caused by the Residential School System continues to affect Indigenous communities across the country. Observing this day increases public awareness of how historical policies including the Residential School System currently impact Indigenous communities and allows time to discuss how meaningful Reconciliation can be achieved.

WHO ARE THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF

CANADA?

The term "Indigenous" in Canada is used as an overarching term to describe three groups of communities (1) the First Nations, (2) the Métis, and (3) the Inuit. While these three groups are culturally unique and distinct, they are descendants of peoples who have resided in North America for thousands of years.

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO LACOMBE COUNTY?

Lacombe County is situated on Treaty 6 Territory, which is the traditional and ancestral homeland of many First Nations communities such as the Cree, Dene, Blackfoot, Saulteaux and Nakota Sioux, and is also the traditional homeland of the Métis in Métis Nation Region 3. The prairies, forests, rivers, lakes, hills, and valleys of present-day Lacombe County have been used by these communities for gathering, travel, hunting, fishing, and ceremony for millennia.

With the signing of Treaty 6 in 1876, First Nations communities were located to defined reserve areas, none of which are located within present-day Lacombe County. However, the communities continue to have special reverence and respect for these lands and waters as their ancestral homeland

WHAT IS LACOMBE COUNTY DOING TO COMMEMORATE THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION?

Since 2022, Lacombe County Council and staff have hosted an Indigenous speaker each year to learn about Indigenous history and the lived experiences of the communities. Staff have also been taking courses, reading books, and attending seminars led by Indigenous peoples to better understand how reconciliation can be applied to our daily work.

WHAT CAN I DO TO COMMEMORATE THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION?

There are many ways you can take part in marking this day:

- Wear an orange shirt to honour the victims of the Indian Residential School System
- Visit the Lacombe Museum's virtual exhibit "Blueberries for Everyone" available on the Lacombe Museum website
- Read an article or book, watch a video, or listen to a podcast from recognized sources on Indigenous history and experiences in Canada. Plenty of learning resources are provided on the Government of Canada's Indigenous arts, culture and heritage web page as well as the Lacombe Museum website
- Visit an Indigenous historical centre, such as the Indigenous Peoples Experience at Fort Edmonton Park, Metis Crossing, or Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park
- Attend the Red Deer Native Friendship Society's Truth and Reconciliation Event at Red Deer's Festival Hall on September 26. Information on the event, and registration is available at the following link: https://www. reddeerevents.ca/Events/Details/20260
- From September 26 October 3, visit the Red Deer Polytechnic Library to view their display of books and resources on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, residential schools and survivor stories.





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Building a Stronger Future: Economic Diversification in Lacombe County

Economic diversification is about more than just adding new industries. It's about creating a resilient, thriving community where businesses and residents can grow stronger together. For Lacombe County, diversification means balancing the industries we already excel in with new and emerging opportunities that will sustain our region for decades to come.

Earlier in 2025, Lacombe County completed a Business Investment & Attraction (BI&A) Study, which provides a clear path forward for attracting diverse industries and building on our existing strengths. This work highlights opportunities to grow value-added agriculture, expand manufacturing, and welcome businesses that support and complement the industries already established here

Our economy is already supported by powerful clusters. Agriculture is evolving through projects like Dairy Innovation West, which is adding value to Alberta's milk production while spurring opportunities for supply chain and support services. Eagle Builders demonstrates how local businesses in advanced manufacturing can grow from Lacombe County to serve markets across Western Canada. And long-standing industry anchors such as NOVA Chemicals, Dow Chemi-

cal, and MEGlobal ensure stability while opening doors for suppliers and contractors across the region.

Diversification is also about embracing the future. Companies like Enhance Energy are leading the way in Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS), positioning Lacombe County at the forefront of Canada's clean energy transition. This type of innovation not only creates new opportunities for investment but also strengthens our community's reputation as a leader in sustainable industry practices.

As we look ahead, Lacombe County sees opportunities in several emerging sectors:

- Green energy and sustainability, to build on global momentum toward clean technologies.
- Technology and digital solutions, supporting agriculture, logistics, and manufacturing.
- Advanced manufacturing, which continues to modernize and expand traditional industries.

By diversifying into these areas, Lacombe County can provide more opportunities for local businesses, attract new investment, and ensure long-term economic stability. Economic diversification isn't just about government policy. It's about working together as a community. We invite investors, entrepreneurs, and residents to join us in shaping this future. Whether you're looking to expand your business, explore new opportunities, or simply learn more about what makes Lacombe County a great place to invest, our message is clear: Success Grows Here!

Watch our doing business videos, connect with our team, and be part of the growth story.

- YouTube: Doing Business in Lacombe County (<u>https://youtu.be/NOtNZErGsO8</u>)
- YouTube: Success Grows in Lacombe County (https://youtu.be/X UG6v3783s)

Together, we can build a diverse and resilient economy that benefits everyone.

Contact Kerrie Taylor, Economic Development Officer, (Phone) 403-782-8389 or (Email) economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com.

Learn more at www.lacombecounty.com.

Scan the QR code below to find the Success Grows Here! YouTube playlist.













LACOMBE COUNTY **SPOT** *light*

TIDY ELF CLEANING

Bringing a Touch of Magic to Your Home

As the fall season approaches and life gets busier, wouldn't it be a treat to come home each day and feel like the chores have already been handled? That's the everyday magic of Tidy Elf Cleaning, founded by Duncan Poulsen. With his warm hospitality background, his "little elf" charm, and now a growing team of three, Duncan has built a cleaning service that brings more than just sparkle, it brings peace of mind.

With more than a decade in hospitality, Duncan has worn many hats. From housekeeping, bell service, front desk, bussing, serving, and even glacier tour guiding. He gained valuable experience with world-class establishments such as Fairmont, Marriott, Pursuit, and the Prince of Wales Hotel in Waterton, where he served as assistant general manager. That deep foundation in service excellence now defines every detail of Tidy Elf Cleaning.

After moving to Clive to be closer to his grandparents and help with health challenges, Duncan soon discovered that a 9-to-5 job didn't fit. He began cleaning for friends and neighbours, and word spread quickly about the quality and care he brought. Soon, he had more clients than he could handle alone, so he began building a team. Today, Tidy Elf Cleaning not only supports local households but also provides flexible, rewarding jobs for others.

Tidy Elf Cleaning offers a tailored suite of services:

- Recurring Cleaning keeping your home refreshed on a regular basis.
- Deep Cleaning tackling ovens, walls, cupboards, and other seasonal or special projects.
- Window Washing keeping your views sparkling and sage without the worry of climbing ladders.

 Moving Cleans – giving you space to breathe whether you're settling in or preparing to move on.

From no-cost walk-throughs to same-day tailored quotes by email, Tidy Elf makes the process easy, transparent, and stress-free. Clients never face surprise bills, and the company stands behind its work with a satisfaction guarantee, including a free touch-up if ever

For Duncan, it's never just about the dusting or scrubbing. "You know that feeling you get when someone doesn't need to, but gives you a hand anyway? That's what we do for our clients. We brighten their day and give them that little boost."

This personal touch is reflected in the stories he loves most: the busy mom who finally has time to catch up, the neighbour who doesn't need to worry about her dad on a ladder cleaning windows, or the grandparents who can maintain independence in their home thanks to some extra help.

Duncan says the Lacombe County community has been incredibly supportive. Within weeks of starting his business, he had a strong roster of clients. "It's been exciting to get calls, texts, and emails from people saying they just had to reach out because their friend told them we're amazing. When people genuinely share their experiences, it's the best feeling in the world."

With business, Duncan admits, there's always another hill to climb. His biggest challenge has been finding new clients in an industry where poor experiences with other companies can make people hesitant to trust. But for Tidy Elf, every new client is a chance to prove that quality and honesty still exist. His goal is to continue growing so that more families have a cleaner they can rely on and more people can find fulfilling

work as part of his team.

WHAT CLIENTS ARE SAYING

"Duncan is a very pleasant young man and goes about his work very diligently. He is a quiet little elf!! Definitely on the 'NICE' list."

— Shelia

"Highly recommend! Very conscientious! Works fast! Sees detail! Very prompt and thorough all!"

— Bev

"I have been so happy with Tidy Elf Cleaning. Awesome communication and commitment to doing a good job... always welcoming of feedback and service with a smile!!!"

— Kristy

In our busy world, a little relief is priceless. Whether you're a parent, professional, grandparent, or someone managing health challenges, Tidy Elf Cleaning offers trusted support that's as dependable as it is caring. No could-it-be-magical fluff—just genuine help that lets you reclaim your home and your time.

Serving Lacombe, Clive, Tees, Haynes, Red Deer, and surrounding rural areas.

Website: www.tidyelfcleaning.com

Phone: 587-287-4737
Email: duncan@tidyelf.com
Facebook: Tidy Elf Cleaning



Celebrating Local Talent: Ellisa Rodney

Ellisa Rodney, a 15-year-old champion wrestler from the Gilby area north of Eckville, has quickly made a name for herself in the sport. She began wrestling at age 11 at Crank Gym in Eckville, initially just for fun. Before long, her passion and talent propelled her into the competitive arena, where she has already achieved remarkable success

In 2024, Ellisa earned a silver medal at the Alberta Winter Games, followed by a 3rd-place finish at the 2025 Western Canadian Championships in Vancouver. She represented Alberta as part of Team B at the 2025 Canada Games and is now setting her sights on the Team Canada trials in 2026.

Ellisa credits much of her growth to the support and mentorship of her coach, Adam Lapointe, and the strong training environment at Crank Gym, which has produced several champions over the years.

Her achievements don't stop at the wrestling mat. Earlier this year, Ellisa showed her versatility and dedication by raising the Grand Champion calf at the Eckville District 4-H sale in June 2025.

Ellisa is the eldest child of Phill and Shannon Rodney of the Eckville/Gilby area. Lacombe County is proud to congratulate her on her outstanding accomplishments and wishes her continued success both in and out of the arena.



All Aboard for a good cause: Train Acres event raises funds for Alberta Children's Hospitals

Train Acres Miniature Railway was a dream of Ernie Beskowiney that has come to fruition after 18 years of hard work.

Ernie has built over 12,500 feet of track which gives just under a 30-minute miniature train ride on a bridge and through a 200-ft curved long tunnel among other scenes. He designed and built four of the small scale trains and cars to ride the tracks that were used at the event. He is pictured below with his Steam Locomotive which is a 1/8th scale model of the CNR6060 that pulls the tourist train from Stettler to Big Valley. He used the original drawings that the full size locomotive had. It is a steam train fired by propane

with a boiler that is certified to run in all of North America

Their two day event had over 2000 people in attendance and they raised in excess of \$23,000 at this inaugural event with donations still coming in. Pizza and ice cream were also donated by the Boxcar Grill in Eckville. CTV, Global TV, several radio stations and the Red Deer Advocate covered the event . People attended from around the province.

There were also vintage cars there that volunteers put on display. Ernie would like to thank the many volunteers that helped make this event a huge success as well as Lacombe County for their assistance.

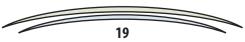
Every dollar that was brought in went directly to The Stollery and the Alberta Children's Hospital.

The train acres miniature railway fundraiser for The Stollery and Alberta Children's Hospitals will be an annual event to be held the second weekend of September each year. Lacombe County is blessed to have this beautiful facility that Ernie has built

The website is wwwtrainacres.com for further information.







Celebrating 10 Years of Agriterra in Lacombe County

This year marks a significant milestone for Agriterra Equipment — 10 years of serving the farming community under the Agriterra name. With a dedicated team of 14–18 employees, Agriterra has become a trusted partner for local producers, providing quality equipment, exceptional service, and a commitment to agriculture in our region.

While this is a celebration of a decade as Agriterra, the company's roots run much deeper. In June 2015, Agriterra was formed following the retirement of Bryan Kasha and Ken Ackerman Sr. The business was acquired and rebranded, but its foundation was built on decades of hard work and community ties.

The legacy of this business stretches back to 1949, when it began as Kasha Farm Supplies — a long-time, family-run business that many in the area still remember fondly (and some still call it by that name). Two familiar faces continue to carry that history forward: Ken Ackerman, with 33 years of service, and Wayne Duncan, with 34 years, remain integral to the operations, ensuring the same trusted expertise and personal service that customers have known for generations.

Agriterra's business model has stood the test of time, adapting to changing technology and the evolving needs of local farms while keeping customer service at its core. Whether you're in the market for new or used equipment, parts, or service, Agriterra has the tools and knowledge to keep your operation running smoothly.

Congratulations, Agriterra, on 10 years of business within Lacombe County — and over seven decades of agricultural service in our community. For all your farm equipment needs, stop in and see what Agriterra can do for you.

Location: 39011 AB-766, Eckville, AB

Phone: 403-746-2211

Website: www.agriterraeg.com





Thank you Dow Chemicals!

A big thank you to our friends at Dow Chemical Prentiss LP7 for taking the time to clean up along Prentiss Road. Their team tackled both sides of the road from Lakeside Sargeant to the railway tracks south of the plant site — and collected nearly a half-ton truck box full of garbage from the ditches!

We appreciate your commitment to keeping our community clean and safe.











COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 28, 2025 **2024 MUNICIPAL INDICATORS**

Council was provided with an overview of the 2024

STAFF RETIREMENT POLICY REVISION

Council approved amendments to Policy AD(14) Staff Retirement. The updates include expanded

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

Council approved amendments to Policy CC(3) Duties of Committees, Commissions & Boards. The updates will come into effect at the 2025-2026

REGIONAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE - CITY OF LACOMBE. TOWN OF BLACKFALDS &

Council approved the Terms of Reference for

2026 OPERATIONS FLEET EQUIPMENT **CAPITAL PURCHASES (2026)**

The annual fleet evaluation and capital purchase process has identified a need to replace seven pieces of County equipment.

By resolution of Council, the County Manager was authorized to tender and award for the purchase of the seven pieces of equipment at an estimated cost of \$1,518,000 and to dispose of the existing units at an estimated trade-in or private sale value of \$221,000. The difference between the purchase of the new units and the sale of the old units, estimated at \$1,297,000, will be funded from the Fleet and Equipment Reserve.

UPGRADING OF ROADS TO SERVICE THE RESOURCE INDUSTRY POLICY REVISION

Council approved amendments to Policy OP(36) Upgrading of Roads to Service the Resource Industry. The updates include removing the five years or less wording regarding the life span of the coal bed methane wells and capping the maintenance security to \$50,000 per company.

EAGLE BUILDERS REQUEST TO PURCHASE COUNTY LAND

Council authorized the County Manager to negotiate and execute a land purchase agreement with Eagle Builders for approximately 121.9 m2 (0.0301 acres) of a Lacombe County Public Utility Lot in the North Aspelund Industrial Park.

SPARTAN DELTA CORP. PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation on Spartan Delta Corp. and their activities in Lacombe County from Mr. Russ Huck (Manager, Operations Engineering), Mr. Ojay Platt (Vice President, Production), Mr. Bruce Koss (Senior Land Agent & Community Relations Liaison), and Ms. Janet McNally (Senior Water Management Specialist).

CONDITION OF GRAVEL ROADS IN DIVISION 1 PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation on the condition of gravel roads in Division 1 from Ms. Melody McBride, Mr. Rod McDermand, Mr. Darryl McDermand and Mr. Colton Huybregts.

STANTON COMMUNITY CENTRE -REQUEST FOR TAX CANCELLATION

Council approved the cancellation of the 2025 property taxes on the Stanton Community Centre (Tax Roll No. 3923292002), which serves as a community hall used to host community gatherings and events.

SPARK INFRASTRUCTURE CORP. – 2024 & 2025 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND PAYMENT PLAN REQUEST

A motion that Lacombe County approve the proposed payment plan from Spark Infrastructure Corp., which would lock down the 2024 and 2025 tax balance at \$650,000 without late payment penalties, with six payments scheduled between September 15, 2025, and June 15, 2026, did not receive Council approval.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 11, 2025

the Municipal Government Act. Two lots in Mirror

By resolution of Council, the following bids were accepted:

- Lot 3, Block 25, Plan 7159AI \$3,000 (plus GST)
- Lot 4, Block 25, Plan 7159AI \$2,000 (plus GST)

CANLIN ENERGY - REQUEST FOR TAX CANCELLATION

A motion that Lacombe County approve the payment plan proposed by Canlin Energy for its tax account with five monthly payments commencing on August 29, 2025, as outlined in its August 22, 2025 proposal, did not receive Council approval.

DECK ENCROACHMENT APPEAL PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation on a deck encroachment appeal from Mrs. Robin Coombs and Mr. Jamie Coombs, outlining their concerns and request for consideration.

LACOMBE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY FUNDING REQUEST

A motion that Lacombe County contribute up to \$20,000 to the Lacombe Public Schools Enhancement Society's James S. McCormick Playground Replacement project did not receive Council approval.

FOOD CYCLE SCIENCE PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation on the FoodCycler Pilot Program Results in Lacombe County, highlighting the program details, pilot results and proposed next steps.

SOUTH SYLVAN LAKE AREA OFF-SITE I FVY RYI AW

Bylaw No. 1442/25, a bylaw of Lacombe County to adopt an off-site levy for land that is to be subdivided or developed within the South Sylvan Lake Area, was given first reading by Council.

A public hearing regarding Bylaw No. 1442/25 will be held on October 9, 2025, commencing at 9:00

COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT REPEAL BYLAW

Council received an update on amendments to the Municipal Government Act, which now prohibit councils from having policies, procedures or bylaws that regulate or address councillor behaviour.

Council approved first, second, and third readings to Bylaw No. 1443/25, the Council Code of Conduct Repeal Bylaw.



Municipal Indicators results. In the 2024 reporting vear. Lacombe County met or exceeded all indicators, except for 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.

employee eligibility and adjusted award amounts.

& BOARDS POLICY REVISION

Lacombe County Organizational Meeting.

LACOMBE COUNTY

a proposed Regional Collaboration Committee involving the City of Lacombe, Town of Blackfalds, and Lacombe County. The new committee, to be named the North Blindman River Tri-Municipal Collaborative, is intended to strengthen regional collaboration on issues of mutual interest and recommend areas for cooperation.

maintenance and overall road conditions MIRROR JOLLY SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB

Council received an update on the progress and

activities of the Planning Services Department for

DIVISION 1 RESIDENT ROAD CONCERNS

residents' concerns about gravel roads in Division

1 and reviewed strategies to improve gravel road

Council received a presentation addressing

PLANNING SERVICES UPDATE

the month of August 2025.

FUNDING REQUEST

Council approved funding of up to \$2,888 toward the Mirror Jolly Seniors Social Club's soffit, eavestrough, and fascia replacement project at the Mirror Jolly Seniors Hall. Funding will come from the County's Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

OVERLAY OF THE COUNTY OFFICE PARKING LOT

Council authorized the County Manager to award the work to overlay the County Office parking lot to TJ Paving Ltd. in the amount of \$210,000. Funding will come from the County's Municipal Facilities

OFFER TO PURCHASE PROPERTIES FOR SALE IN THE HAMLET OF MIRROR

Council received an update on the sale of taxforfeited properties acquired under Section 424 of

ASSESSMENT 101

2025 PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

To ensure property assessment accuracy, Assessors re-inspect various properties throughout the municipality each year in Lacombe County. Inspections are complete for reasons outlined by Provincial Government and may include rotating update cycles, modernizations identified from development and/or safety code permits, ownership changes or property listings, changes identified in the most recent County aerial or drone photography, and reports/ updates from other sources or public observations.

Lacombe County Assessors are professionals knowledgeable in reviewing and evaluating property for property tax assessment purposes. Assessors are experienced in understanding the evolution of construction methods and typical finishes over the decades. This is an important skill required to appropriately estimate the assessed value of each property. Assessors are also knowledgeable in the Provincial Government Legislation applicable to preparing property tax assessments. Further Assessors monitor and investigate market transactions that may be used to determine a market value property

tax assessment.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING AN INSPECTION?

During an inspection an assessor may:

- physically collect/verify measurements of buildings and other structures,
- review improvement and property characteristics, such as type of construction, number of bathrooms, type of heating, basement finish, areas finished as office or warehouse, site improvements, updates or renovations, usage of the improvements/property, etc.
- confirm the circumstances of the sale/purchase of a property to determine if the transaction reflected a typical market value and could be used for comparison purposes.

WHAT IF I CHOOSE NOT TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE ASSESSOR?

Given the volume of inspections assessors have to complete, Lacombe County Assessors do not schedule individual appointments. If you are not comfortable providing the requested information about your property to

the Assessor, he or she will note the property owner declined to provide information and use any information available to update the property details and prepare the assessment. Property owners still retain the right to file a complaint against the assessment with the County's assessment review board. However, the Board's ability to hear that complaint is limited if information necessary to prepare your assessment is not provided.

DEADLINE FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (NOT-FOR-PROFIT)

PROPERTY TAXATION EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

In Alberta, some properties are exempt from property taxation. These exemptions are outlined in the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and Regulations. Specifically, not-for-profit organizations may qualify for property taxation exemption in 2026 on their facilities if they have completed and returned an application package prior to SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

Most of the Not-for-Profit Organizations applied and qualified for exemption 2025 to 2027 last year. If you are a not-for-profit organization who did

not apply last year and believe you may qualify please find the application forms on our website at:

What you need to know

- https://www.lacombecounty.com/ en/living-here/resources/Documents/Application-for-Property-Tax-Exemption--General.pdf.
- Application Waiver Form: https:// www.lacombecounty.com/en/living-here/resources/Documents/ Lacombe-County-COPTERwaiver.pdf.

The requirements and process for a not-for-profit organization to qualify for property taxation exemption are set out by the Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulation (COPTER).

NOTICE OF INSPECTIONS

Lacombe County municipal Assessors are continuously reviewing and visiting properties throughout the municipality as required to verify property information ensuring accurate and equitable assessments – we appreciate your cooperation with data collection activities. Our Assessors carry identification and will present it upon request. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

Disposing Lithium Batteries DO NOT PLACE IN TRASH!

THE RISKS OF IMPROPER LITHIUM BATTERY DISPOSAL

Improper disposal of lithium batteries poses significant risks to both human health and the environment. It is crucial to handle and dispose of these batteries correctly to avoid potential hazards and prevent environmental contamination.

LITHIUM BATTERY FIRES

Lithium-ion batteries, if not disposed of properly, can be a fire hazard. LRWSC has had multiple landfill fires in the last six years because of improper battery disposal. These fires can have devastating effects



on human lives, property, and the environment.

LITHIUM BATTERY TOXICITY

Apart from the risk of fires, improper disposal of lithium batteries can also result in the release of toxic chemicals. Cobalt, manganese, and nickel are among the dangerous contaminants found in lithium-ion batteries. When these batteries end up in landfills, there is a real danger of these toxic substances seeping into the surrounding soil and groundwater, posing a threat to plant and animal life.

LANDFILL CONTAMINATION

Lithium batteries that are thrown into landfills can cause significant environmental contamination. The leakage of hazardous metals such as cobalt, manganese, and nickel can pollute the soil and groundwater. This contamination not only harms the local ecosystem but also increases the risk of underground fires in landfills.

Proper disposal of lithium batteries is vital to mitigate these

risks and protect our health and environment. By responsibly recycling these batteries, we can prevent fires, reduce toxic chemical exposure, and prevent the contamination of our landfills.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING LITHIUM BATTERIES

Recycling lithium batteries is crucial for the environment and our future. By recycling these batteries, we can prevent the need for new mineral extraction, reducing the negative impact on our planet. This process helps conserve valuable resources and promotes a circular economy where materials are reused rather than discarded.

One of the significant benefits of battery recycling is the recovery of valuable metals and materials. Lithium batteries contain components like cobalt, nickel, and plastic, which can be extracted and reused through recycling. While not all parts of a lithium battery are recoverable, the majority can be recycled, contributing to the conservation of valuable resources.

Recycling lithium batteries also plays a crucial role in reducing the risks

associated with improper disposal. Batteries that end up in landfills can pose threats to the environment and human health. They can leak toxic substances like cobalt, nickel, and manganese, polluting the soil and water sources. Recycling helps prevent these risks and ensures that batteries are disposed of safely.

HOW TO RECYCLE LITHIUM BATTERIES PROPERLY

Properly recycling lithium batteries is essential to ensure their safe handling and disposal. To start, it's recommended to remove the battery from the device whenever possible. If the batteries are physically damaged, they should be stored in an insulated plastic bag to avoid any short-circuiting. It's important to keep lithium batteries in a cool and dry place to prevent combustion.

LRWSC accepts all batteries at our sites for recycling, please ask the attendant where batteries can be safely placed.

Do NOT place batteries in the Rubble Bins or the Compactor Hopper.

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Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

The Alix and Area Community Resource Centre opened its doors 5 years ago... Our governing board, Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society, is run by a team of dedicated volunteers who give their time and energy to our cause- helping all to improve their health, quality of life and well-being by making connections to people, support and resources. We are grateful for their efforts in developing our Centre!

How it all began? Initial services were first offered in June 2020, through staggered program launching.

Over the summer, final efforts were made to prepare for a fall opening. Volunteers and generous donors made the construction of two private offices, painting, cleaning and set up possible. On September 8, 2020, the Centre opened it's doors to the public. Further public interest and community support, generated over the first couple months of operations, helped advance the final phase of renovations. More painting, the construction of three additional private offices, storage, a meeting room and a recreation area were completed by March 2021.

recreation area were completed by March 2021.

In June 2021, the leased space at Bay 1 expanded to include Bay 2. This addition provides many opportunities to offer a wider array of community programming. The space has since been renovated and named, the Community Connections Activity Centre. It hosts community events and programming for children & youth, families, seniors and adults, as well can be rented for private use.

The support and contributions made by so many, has been the heart of this project.

The success of this initiative would not have been possible without it

Thank you all who joined us to celebrate 5 years, on September 8, 2025... Participants, board members and community groups. Special shout out to Lacombe and Area Family Resource Network for bringing the fun and partnership to this day. AND thank you Sweet Crumbs Cakery - The Pantry for our cake and Mandi Peterson for cupcakes! We are grateful for our community who continually shows support for the Centre and what we offer. We can't wait to see what the next 5 years brings

ALIX MIRROR WELLNESS SUPPORTS SOCIETY The faces behind the scenes!

Monday to Thursday



(Top Row, Left to Right) Trish Verveda - Treasurer, Melody McBride - Chair, Rozanna Amlin - Director (Bottom Row, Left to Right) Lisa Honish - Director, Mandy Peterson - Vice Chair, Vanessa Massey - Director

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed all statutory holidays Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

403-396-3369

WHAT WE DO

Services **Available**

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

alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook @AlixandAreaCommunity ResourceCentre

www.alixcrc.com



"Fall"-ing for September?

(Don't worry, us too.)

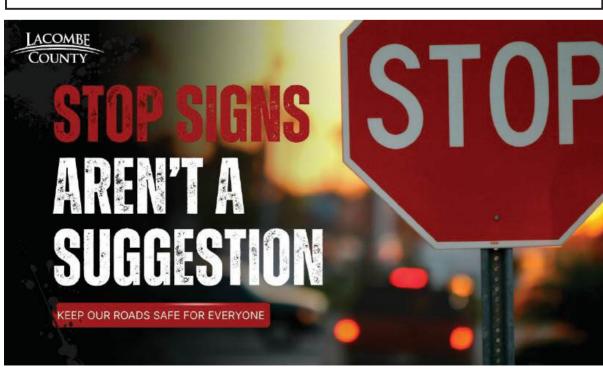


As the days grow shorter and the leaves begin to turn, we at the Ellis Nature Centre want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who visited and celebrated the month of August with us. From bug enthusiasts to farm lovers, goat fans to gala guests — your support made this past month one to remember!

Another thank you goes out to visitors, sponsors, and donors who took the time to support Ellis Nature Centre's 2025 summer season. We are grateful for the community that continues to arow.

As one of our final offerings before we close on October 15th for the winter season, we welcome you to visit and catch a glimpse of the incredible migratory birds passing through. We have seen a wide variety of warblers, waterfowl, and shorebirds come through for a brief stopover as they continue their long journey south.









RESOURCES FOR SENIORS









AROUND THE COUNTY



Visit us on our website

& social medias

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Special programming (no charge) on Mondays/Wednesdays

- 9:45 arrive 10 to 11 am
- Seated Range of Motion
- Wednesdays 10:30 arrive 10:45 to 11:45 am Chair Yoga light movements

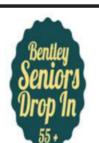


Registration required for Seated Range of Motion Chair Yoga

Move your body, make connections & socialize!

Call 403.748.2160 Bentley Seniors Drop In

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



Over The Hill & Loving The View

located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

The Seniors Drop In welcomes everyone 55+

 Tuesdays Thursdays

10 am

Socialize/cards/games Socialize - Toast & Coffee

Potluck

Last Tuesday each month

Special Outings - dinner theatres and more. Have an idea? Let us know.

Music & Movement Ages 1-4

Lego Club Ages 5+ Reading Buddies Ages 6-13

social medias

Borrowing

Family Films All Ages

*For more program info,

check out our website &

Our library card gives you

access to a variety of services.

eResources such as eAudio,

eBooks, eMagazines & more!

AND you will be entered to win the BIG PRIZE from Parkland Regional Library Or our own Mary C Moore Library prize bag! New clue and a chance to win each day we are open in October. Ticket will be hidden TWICE per day- in the am and the pm. Clues will be on our facebook page and posted in

Thursday

Saturday

Eagle Builders Centre 5302 Broadway Avenue

October is Canadian Library Month!

Celebrate with us at MCMPL! Using our daily clue, find the golden ticket

in our library and earn a prize

Friday

10 am - 6 pm

10 am - 6 pm

10 am - 5 pm

Contact

403-885-2343

www.blackfaldslibrary.ca

Blackfalds, AB TOM 010

the library October 1-31































LINCOLN HALL FALL MARKET

Come join us on Saturday October 4th Time: 10am to 4pm

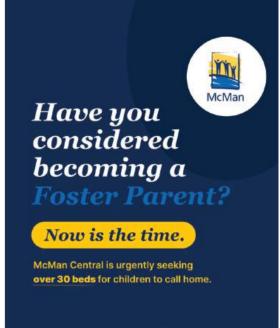


Food supplied by The Culinary Pursuit

Come and support our local vendors















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FREE EVENT

FREE EVENT

WE ARE PLANNING

Good Neighbor Day

SEPTEMBER 24/2025 3:30 TO 7:30 PM COME & GO AT THE BENTLEY AG CENTRE

Book Your Spot!

Non Profits/Service Providers - information tables available

Sponsor Opportunities

Door Prizes, Water/Pop, Dessert, burgers/hotdogs, what would you like to contribute?

Volunteer Opportunities

Set Up/Planning, Drink Station, Cooks, Clean Up,Floaters,

The Plaider's are booked!
Children's Corner - Seventh Day Adventist Church
BBQ - Nutrien
Facility - Bentley Ag Centre
Touch A Truck - Town and others!

Info: 403-748-2160



TOGETHER WE BRE BETTER!





Fearless FUNDraising Masterclass

Are **YOU** ready to build confidence in your fundraising strategies, connect your cause to the community, and raise more money in a purposeful way?

Presented by Kate Gallagher of KMG Events. With over 30 years experience in the events, fundraising and strategic consulting industry, Kate has supported dozens of charities & nonprofits helping them raise over **\$25 Million Dollars** combined.



With Kate's proven strategies you will learn:

- How to build a fundraising plan that works for you
- Compelling story telling that inspires giving
- Identifying, engaging & stewarding donors
- Practical tools, templates, and takeaways you can use immediately



- Executive directors, fund development managers, staff tasked with fundraising
- Board members & volunteers
- Nonprofit & community leaders
- Anyone wanting to unlock their potential with a refreshed & fearless approach to fundraising

WHEN: Tuesday September 23rd, 2025

TIME: 9am-4pm (lunch provided)

WHERE: Lacombe Memorial Centre (5214 50th ave)

2 or more registrations from the same organization will receive a private one-hour virtual planning session.

YOUR INVESTMENT: \$225+GST early bird (before Sept 10th), \$250+GST (after Sept 10th)

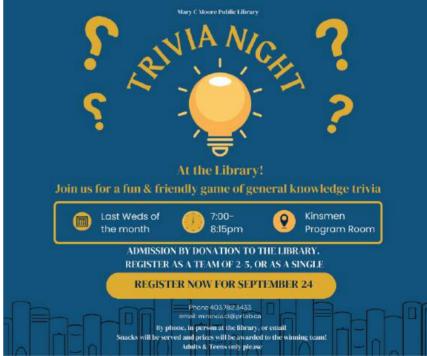
TO REGISTER: E-mail kate@kmgevents.ca OR call 780-289-3077.

Limited space available. Registration deadline is September 17^{th} .

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Minutes can be found on our
website at
www.lacombecounty.com/
en/our-government/agendasand-minutes.aspx





Sun	Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat								
28	29	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	OCT 1	2	3	4			
5	6 Advance Vote 10AM - 8PM County Office	7 Committee of the Whole : 9AM	8	9 County Council: 9AM	10	11			
12	Thanksgiving (OFFICE CLOSED)	14 Advance Vote 10AM - 8PM County Office	15	16	County News Submissions Due	18			
19	20 Election Day 10AM - 8PM Watch for details	21	22	23	24 County News Published	25			
26	27	28	29 Organizational Meeting: 9AM	30 County Council: 9AM	31	NOV 1			

Upcoming Events: November 11: Remembrance Day (Office Closed), November 13: County Council (9AM), **November 27: Thanksgiving (Office Closed)**

ATTENTION:

Notification of Access for County Assessors

Under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, Part 9, Lacombe County's Assessors regularly visit properties throughout the municipality to collect and verify the information for the purpose of preparing property assessments. An inspection may occur at any time throughout the day between 8:30 am and 4:30 p.m.

Assessors operate vehicles marked as the Lacombe County and carry identification and will present it upon request. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at the Lacombe County Administration Office at 403-782-6601.



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	Community Services - 403-782-8959
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