

# County News

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## Fire Permit season is here | Don't forget yours!

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

Lacombe County is reminding all County residents and businesses of the upcoming fire permit season beginning March 1, 2025. In an effort to ensure community safety and environmental protection, the county enforces the requirement for fire permits for controlled burns. Unauthorized burning could lead to significant fines and charges.

### OBTAINING A FIRE PERMIT

Fire permits can be conveniently acquired at any time online via the Lacombe County website at [www.lacombecounty.com/FirePermit](http://www.lacombecounty.com/FirePermit), ensuring accessibility 24/7. Alternatively, permits are available in person at the Lacombe County Office during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), or by contacting the Community Services Department at 403-782-8959 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please note that permit-holders must abide by all of the conditions of the permit.

Dion Burlock, Director of Community Services, emphasizes, "Fire permits are not only free and easy to obtain, but they also provide a crucial layer of safety for property owners and their neighbours. Each permit includes detailed requirements to guarantee that

burns are conducted safely and responsibly."

### SAFETY FIRST: CHECK WINTER BURN PILES

The County urges residents to vigilantly monitor any winter burn piles. These can smoulder unnoticed and reignite, posing a significant fire risk in spring. "It's critical to ensure that all controlled burns are fully extinguished and to adhere to safe burning practices throughout the year," Burlock adds.

If you have done any burning this fall or winter, take the time to visit your burn site to make sure the fire is completely out. For further information, visit: <https://wildfire.alberta.ca>

### FIRE RESPONSE CHARGES

Property owners will be held financially responsible for fires resulting from negligence or failure to comply with permit conditions, including:

- Fire truck: \$720 per hour
- Water truck: \$720 per hour
- Rapid response unit/mini pumper: \$720 per hour
- Rescue truck: \$720 per hour
- Command vehicle: \$210 per hour

(These rates are current up to March 2025)

## FIRE PERMIT SEASON

is March 1 - October 31

**Do you have a Fire Permit?**

**SUBMIT IT ONLINE BEFORE BURNING!**



mobile requests  
through the website



online  
Fire Permit Request



call into the office at  
403-782-6601

*Fire permits can also be requested in person at our office.*

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# MEET WITH COUNCIL

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

Reeve Barb Shepherd (Div. 3) | Dep. Reeve John Ireland (Div. 1)  
Brenda Knight (Div. 2) | Dwayne West (Div. 4)  
April 7 | 7 - 9 PM  
Haynes Hall (39002 Rge. Rd 24-3, Haynes, AB)

Allan Wilson (Div. 6) | Dana Kreil (Div. 7)  
April 17 | 7 - 9 PM  
Rainy Creek Remote Shop (Rainy Creek Road, near Rge. Rd. 3-0)

Reeve Barb Shepherd (Div. 3) | Dep. Reeve John Ireland (Div. 1)  
Brenda Knight (Div. 2) | Dwayne West (Div. 4)  
April 18 (2-8 PM) & April 19 (10AM - 4 PM)  
Lacombe & District Trade Show (Gary Moe Sportsplex)



## LOTS FOR SALE Deadline: April 4, 2025

Lacombe County is offering multiple lots for sale within the Hamlet of Mirror. Details of the available properties are as follows:

Lot(s)	Block	Plan	Details
14-17	4	7159AI	24,000 sq. ft. Residential District 'H-R1' Parcel with water/sewer, power, and natural gas servicing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One single-story residence (built in 1915) – No basement, rated in fair to poor condition.</li> <li>One detached garage – Rated in fair to poor condition.</li> </ul>
16-18, 20 19	13 13	7159AI 7159AI	30,000 sq. ft. Light Industrial 'I1' Parcel with water/sewer, power and natural gas servicing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One 3,024 sq. ft. warehouse (built in 1999) – Rated in average to fair condition.</li> <li>One 624 sq. ft. office (built in 1999) – Rated in average to fair condition.</li> </ul>

All properties will be sold on an "as-is" basis.

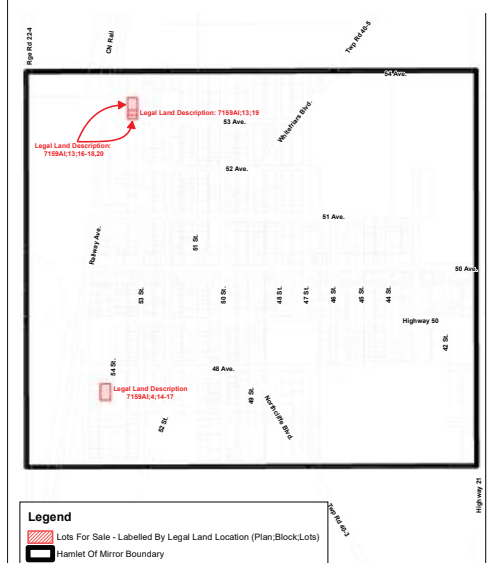
Lacombe County reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals in the best interest of the County.

If interested, please submit your proposal in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal – Mirror Property. Attn: Gail Klassen." All proposals must include a 10% refundable deposit based on the proposed purchase price.

Proposals will be received at Lacombe County Administration Office until 2:00 PM on Friday, April 4, 2025.

For more information, contact:  
Gail Klassen, Lacombe County  
Email: gklassen@lacombecounty.com  
Phone: 403-782-6601  
Fax: 403-782-3820

### PROPERTY SALE MAP (Hamlet of Mirror)



## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS MEETING

Representatives from the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) and the Farmers' Advocate Office of Alberta will be coming to Lacombe County to present on provincial agricultural legislation, particularly the Agricultural Operation Practices Act.

All agricultural producers and rural residents in Lacombe County are strongly encouraged to attend! This is an excellent opportunity to learn about provincial legislation and ask any questions you may have.

THIS IS A PUBLIC MEETING. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

**MARCH 27, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Lacombe County Office**  
Located 2½ miles west of Highway 2 at the intersection of Spruceville Road and Highway 12.

For more information, please contact Planning Services  
403-782-8389 or [planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com)  
or learn more at [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com)



## The Ag Service Board needs YOUR help: Farm Saved Seed input

The Agricultural Service Board Provincial Committee (ASBPC), which represents Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards, is seeking producer input and feedback on their draft Farm Saved Seed Position Statement.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Seed Regulatory Modernization initiative, which proposes royalties on farm-saved seed, is complex and presents challenges that require careful navigation to balance the interests of all stakeholders.

As such producers are encouraged to submit feedback to the ASBPC to help form their position on this complex matter.

For more details scan the QR code or visit <https://agriculturalserviceboards.com/asb-position-on-farm-saved-seed/>.

### 2025 ASB Position - Farm Saved Seed Feedback





# Lacombe County to host voluntary Farm Vehicle Safety checks

Lacombe County is excited to announce a two-day voluntary farm vehicle safety check event, taking place at our Rainy Creek (April 2) and Tees (April 3) satellite public works shops. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the safety and awareness within our agricultural industry, while also promoting 'Vision Zero'—a key component of the Lacombe County Traffic Safety Plan.

'Vision Zero' embodies our belief that no loss of life on Alberta's roads should be considered acceptable. By conducting Farm Vehicle Safety checks, we are taking a significant step towards ensuring our community remains safe and fostering a positive relationship with our local producers.

"Our local agricultural producers play a crucial role in our community, and it's imperative that they can conduct their operations without the fear of being stranded or, worse, involved in an accident due to equipment failure," said Ray Kawai, Lacombe County Community Peace Officer. "These checks are about education and collective effort to enhance road safety for everyone."

In Alberta, farm vehicles are held to the same equipment regulations

as commercial vehicles. Lacombe County's initiative aims to collaborate with our farming community to not only ensure compliance but also promote a positive image of our agricultural sector.

During the event, Commercial Vehicle Inspectors will conduct comprehensive safety inspections following Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) standards. Participants will receive:

- A personalized vehicle inspection report detailing any safety concerns.
- Guidance on necessary repairs to ensure compliance.
- Answers to questions about electronic logging devices (ELD), load securement, and other transportation regulations, with Peace Officers on-site to assist.

For those operating under a Safety Fitness Certificate, inspection results will be recorded on Carrier Profiles. Please contact CPO Services for further clarification at 403-782-8959.

## Event Details:

### Dates & Locations:

- April 2: Rainy Creek Shop, located on Rainy Creek Rd near RR 3-0, from 9 AM to 3 PM.

## FARM VEHICLE SAFETY CHECKS

### Join us!

Lacombe County will be hosting a two-day voluntary farm vehicle safety check at our public works shops located in the east and west sides of the County.

The purpose of this check is to increase both the safety and the awareness of vehicle safety in our agricultural industry.

Reserve your spot on:

### April 2, 2025

**West - Rainy Creek Shop**  
Rainy Creek Road, near RR 3-0  
9AM - 3PM

### April 3, 2025

**East - Tees Shop**  
Hwy 12 and Hwy 821, near Tees  
9AM - 3PM

Contact Community Services to book your spots

403-782-8959 | [tgessleman@lacombecounty.com](mailto:tgessleman@lacombecounty.com)

*Drop ins are welcome, but priority will be given to those who book an inspection appointment. Refreshments will be provided.*



- April 3: Tees Shop, located at the intersection of Hwy 12 and Hwy 821, Tees, from 9 AM to 3 PM.

### Additional Information:

- Refreshments will be provided.
- We welcome you to drop in anytime between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. However, booking in advance is recommended to ensure priority; drop-ins will be accommodated as possible.
- For those bringing multiple vehicles, please stagger your arrivals by approximately 20

minutes to facilitate a smooth process.

For more information or to book your inspection time, please call 403-782-8959 or email [tgessleman@lacombecounty.com](mailto:tgessleman@lacombecounty.com). We look forward to your participation in making our roads safer for everyone.

## Nominations are OPEN

Nominations can be filed from January 1, 2025 until Noon on September 22, 2025

Visit [LacombeCounty.com/Election](https://LacombeCounty.com/Election) for more details



## 2025 Municipal Election



Your IDEAS

Your COUNTY

Be the VOICE!

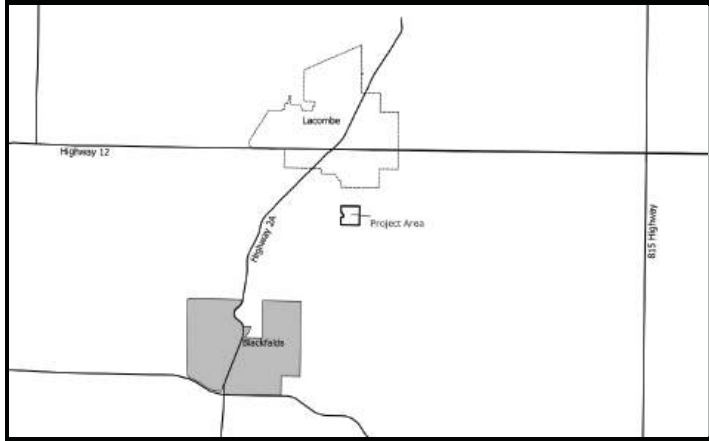


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## Lacombe Solar Project Open House



reconcept Canada is developing the 22-megawatt (MW) Lacombe Solar Project located approximately 1km south of the city limits of the City of Lacombe. We are inviting you to a community open house where you can learn more about the proposed project. We are committed to engaging landowners, public stakeholders, and members of the local community and look forward to meeting you.



**Please join us at our community open house:**  
**Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 5:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**Lacombe Memorial Centre**  
**5214 - 50 Avenue, Lacombe, AB**

Or Contact Us:

Samantha Brown - SABR Energy Consulting Inc.  
587-434-7547 or sbrown@sabreenergyconsulting.com

## CANDIDATE ORIENTATION

### Thinking About Running for Municipal Office?

Lacombe County, in partnership with the City of Lacombe, the Towns of Blackfalds, Bentley, and Eckville, and the Villages of Alix and Clive, is hosting a **Candidate Orientation** for anyone considering running in the upcoming municipal election.

Whether you're thinking about serving on Lacombe County Council or on one of the councils in our partnering municipalities, this workshop will provide valuable insights into the responsibilities of elected officials.

#### This two-day interactive session will cover:

**June 25 & June 26**

**6:30PM - 8:30PM**

**Lacombe County  
Council Chambers**

- ✓ How council decision-making works.
- ✓ The roles of governance, management, and service delivery.
- ✓ Where municipal funding comes from and how it's allocated.
- ✓ Time commitments and work-life balance as an elected official.
- ✓ The responsibilities of councillors in serving their communities.

*All potential candidates from municipalities within Lacombe County are welcome!*

#### For more information or to register for this workshop:

Contact Meghan Richer-Poth at 403-782-8962 / mricher-poth@lacombecounty.com



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**Location:** Lacombe County Council Chambers

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- Where municipal funding comes from and how it's allocated
- Time commitments and work-life balance as an elected official
- The responsibilities of council members in serving their communities

If you're interested in making a difference in your community, this workshop is a great opportunity to learn what it takes to be an effective leader in local government. All potential candidates from municipalities within Lacombe County are welcome!

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Meghan Richer-Poth at mricher-poth@lacombecounty.com or call 403-782-8962. We look forward to seeing you there!



## LACOMBE & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPRING TRADESHOW & MARKET



**APRIL 18 & 19, 2025**

Gary Moe Autogroup Sportsplex

### Highlights of the Event:

- ✓ 100+ Vendors
- ✓ Market Place
- ✓ Trade Show
- ✓ Easter Family Photos

### Contact Us



Call Number:  
**1.403.782.4300**



Email:  
**info@lacombechamber.ca**

### Apply Here



**FRI 2PM-8PM**

**SAT 10AM-4PM**



# SAFETY FIRST

## Understanding the costs behind fire and emergency services response invoices

Here's an example on how Lacombe County invoices for fire and emergency services response calls. Let's say Mr. John Ratepayer had a fire on his farm involving a small outbuilding that caught fire. Lacombe County Fire Service responded to this fire with three fire apparatus.

- Fire Engine – 2 hours
- Tender - 2 hours
- Brush Truck – 2 hours

The fire crews responded and began operations to extinguish the fire. After the fire was extinguished, the crews looked for hot spots and ensured not only the fire was out, but that it would not rekindle as well.

*The invoice would look similar to the amounts in the table below.*

### DEFINITIONS OF EQUIPMENT USED AT CALLS

**Rescue Truck:** A rescue truck is a specialized emergency response vehicle primarily used for rescue operations, including vehicle extrications, medical emergencies, and technical rescues like confined spaces. It typically carries minimal or no water but is

equipped with specialized rescue gear, hydraulic tools (e.g., "jaws of life"), ropes, airbags, lighting equipment, and medical supplies.

**Fire Engine:** A fire engine is the primary response vehicle designed to handle structural fire fighting, rescue operations, and emergency medical calls. It typically carries between 500 to 1,000 gallons of water, hoses, pumps, ladders, rescue gear, and essential fire fighting tools.

**Tender:** A tender, also known as a water tanker, supplies large volumes of water to support fire fighting operations, particularly in rural or non-hydrant areas. It usually holds 1,500 to 3,500 gallons or more and includes equipment to quickly transfer water to other apparatus.

**Brush Truck:** A brush truck is specifically equipped for fighting wildland or brush fires in rough terrain or areas difficult for larger apparatus to access. It carries approximately 200 to 500 gallons of water and specialized wildland fire fighting gear like hoses, hand tools, and portable pumps.

Invoice Description	Quantity (hrs)	Unit of Measure	Unit price	GST	Amount
Engine	2	Each	\$720.00	\$0.00	\$1440.00
Tender	2	Each	\$720.00	\$0.00	\$1440.00
Brush	2	Each	\$720.00	0.00	\$1440.00
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4320.00</b>

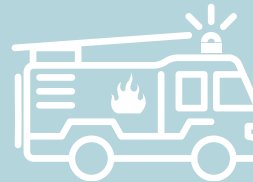
## FIRE & EMERGENCY COSTS

*Do you know if you're prepared to cover the costs of fire and emergency services?*

Lacombe County is reminding residents about potential costs associated with fire and emergency services. Under our fire response policy, residents and businesses will be invoiced for fire and emergency service responses.

These charges are typically covered by insurance—but it's **YOUR responsibility** to confirm you have sufficient coverage **BEFORE** an emergency occurs.

### FIRE INVOICES



Lacombe County residents and businesses will be billed for fire and emergency responses if equipment is dispatched to their property.

### ACCIDENT CHARGES

Vehicle owners will be invoiced for motor vehicle accidents requiring fire and emergency services within Lacombe County.



### CHECK YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE

These charges are typically covered by insurance if you have the right coverage.



**Questions about your coverage?**  
**CHECK WITH YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY**

**Red Deer Lacombe**  
ALBERTA RURAL CRIME WATCH ALBERTA

**AGM**  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Gasoline Alley Farmers Market  
558 Laura Ave Gasoline Alley  
Red Deer County

Meeting to be upstairs in the Craft Beer Commonwealth & Birdy Coffee Co. Room. Found above the food court, on the North end of the market.

11:00am - AGM to take place  
11:45am - Catered lunch (\$10 fee/person, must send in a RSVP by March 22nd, 2025 to be included)  
12:30pm - Guest speaker for the day will be Julie Matthews. Covering some of the latest and greatest frauds and scams, along with what communities can proactively do to prevent them.

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**March 29th, 2025**

Let us know your coming!  
Send an RSVP by March 22, 2025  
rdrruralcrimewatch@gmail.com

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER - JULIE MATTHEWS.  
Freelance consultant on fraud prevention and education. Presentations and workshops for businesses, seniors and community groups. Former investigative TV reporter and senior investigator for Service Alberta.



# MIRROR CORNER



## 2025 Mirror Dog Tags

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror. The fee is \$15.00 for an altered dog and \$25.00 for an unaltered dog. After February 28, 2025, the cost increases to \$30 for an altered dog and \$50 for an unaltered dog. For more information, please call (403) 782-6601 or visit [www.lacombecounty.com/en/living-here/animal-control.aspx](http://www.lacombecounty.com/en/living-here/animal-control.aspx).

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

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

## Jolly Seniors

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

## Booking Mirror Community Hall

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

## Mirror and District Museum

Contact [mmuseum@ccwireless.ca](mailto:mmuseum@ccwireless.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 10 AM - 2 PM

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

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

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

## 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.

Mirror and District Museum Association

### Glass Rock Mosaic Class

Create a glass mosaic on a rock with artist Jodi from ManzMakers Mosaics and Art!

**Saturday May 3rd**  
1pm-4pm  
4910 53 St Mirror  
\$45 per person

RSVP via our Facebook Page: "Mirror and District Museum Association"

### Stay and Play

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

Playful activities  
Lots of fun!  
For Children 0-5  
& their caregivers!

For More Information:  
[facebook.com/lacombebm](https://www.facebook.com/lacombebm)

Sponsored by  
Mirror Rec. Society

## Spring Roast Beef Supper

**MARCH 29TH**

**ADULTS - \$15.00**  
**CHILDREN 4-10 - \$8.00**  
**3 AND UNDER - FREE**

**MIRROR COMMUNITY HALL**

**DOORS OPEN FOR COFFEE - 4:30**  
**SUPPER - 5:00 - 7:00**

# WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

## PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES- RATES APPLY

**In-Person on Alternating Wednesdays at the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre:**  
Contact Jessica Harvey- Registered Provisional Psychologist  
Primary modalities used are Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Existential Therapy, Solution-Focused, and Emotion-Focused. For adults, kids, teens, couples, families. Services billable to health insurance. 780-691-7962  
Book online: [prairielandpsychology.janeapp.com](https://prairielandpsychology.janeapp.com)

## New! FREE In- Person Counselling for All Ages

Offered by Registered Professional Counsellor and founder of Healthy Minds Online, Trish Rasmussen, RPC-C

- Located at the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre
- 50 min sessions
- Available in-person by appointment

Email direct to book: [trish@healthymindsonline.ca](mailto:trish@healthymindsonline.ca)

**Please do not hesitate to reach out for help to access these resources.**

We have private offices and technology support if you need a confidential space, do not have a device or WiFi access.

## Reach Help After Hours:

**LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES**  
Please call 9-1-1 or go directly to your nearest emergency department.

## HELP LINES

- Alberta Health Link: call 8-1-1, for assistance determining what your symptoms are related to.
- High quality, evidence-based, equitable suicide prevention and crisis support for everyone in Canada. Call or text 9-8-8.
- 24 Hour Mental Health: 1-877-303-2642
- 24 Hour Addiction Help Line: 1-866-332-2322
- Kids Help Line: call 1-800-668-6868 or text 686868
- The Open Door 24 Hour Help Line: call or text 780-679-HELP (4357)
- Alberta 211 Services: call 2-1-1, to connect to community services.

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

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



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

## ICE FISHING HUT REMOVAL REMINDER

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

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

**Help protect our lakes and local environment!**

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

\*Closed all statutory holidays\*

Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

403-396-3369



# OPERATIONS

## Don't get left in the dust!

Lacombe County is currently taking requests for our **2025 Dust Control Program**. If you are interested in having Calcium Chloride in front of your residence or place of business, please contact Cassandra at the County shop at 403.782.3567.



Ratepayer's cost-shared rate for 2025 is \$3.58 per lineal metre for two applications and \$1.79 per lineal metre for one application, to a maximum of 200 metres. **If you require more than 200 metres, the additional will NOT be cost shared.**

Please contact us today to get on the list for dust control. Payments are due before the annual deadline of May 15, 2024.

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

*If you are interested in finding out more about the County's Dust Control Program, please call Cassandra at 403.782.3567, Ivy at 403.782.8379 or email [operations@lacombecounty.com](mailto:operations@lacombecounty.com)*

## UPDATE: Sunbreaker Cove Boat Launch construction

**Good news for boaters:** construction on the Sunbreaker Cove Boat Launch have officially began, following some previous delays.

The newly upgraded launch will remain in the existing location but will feature significant improvements, including:

- Increased width
- Longer ramp length
- New dock and gangway system

This upgrade will utilize prefabricated cable concrete panels for increased durability and reliability, along with a steeper grade to facilitate easier and safer boat launching, ultimately enhancing overall functionality and user experience.

Construction is anticipated to take approximately three to four weeks, ensuring the launch will be fully operational in time for boating season. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this important upgrade.

## Road Ban Season is here: What you need to know

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

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

Lacombe County relies on ratepayers and industry to use their

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

During soft road conditions in spring, the County imposes a 10 am-10 p.m. restriction for oversized and overweight permitted loads (this does not impact legal loads). Scheduling transport during frozen road conditions reduces road damage and mud tracking onto highways.

### Grain Movement

County Council recognized the necessary grain movement, and we

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

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

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

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

We endeavour to minimize the inconvenience to all industries with your assistance.

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

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

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

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



# ENVIRONMENT

## The Parkland Ecosystem: How ALUS can help you help it!

By Ken Lewis, ALUS Lacombe Coordinator

The Parkland is a pretty special natural region in Western Canada. In fact, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba has almost all of this particular ecosystem that exists in the world. The only other place you can find it, are some very small areas of the northern United States.

In Alberta, the Parkland Natural Region is considered a transitional natural region, generally located between the Grassland Natural Region to the south and east, and the Foothills Natural Region and Boreal Forest Natural Region to the west and north.

Almost all of Lacombe County is located in the Central Parkland Natural Subregion. Some things to point out about the Central Parkland (from <https://www.albertaparks.ca/media/6256258/natural-regions-subregions-of-alberta-a-framework-for-albertas-parks-booklet.pdf>):

- It is the most productive agricultural region in Alberta
- Only about 5% of the subregion remains in native vegetation
- Wetlands cover about 10% of the subregion, and they've been called "the duck factory of

North America"

- Alberta's 3 largest cities (Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer) are either wholly or partially in the subregion.

ALUS Lacombe wants to work with farmers and ranchers in Lacombe County to do on-the-ground projects that enhance or conserve forested areas in the Central Parkland Natural Subregion.



**Aspen forest at a local ALUS Project**

Specifically, we'd like to cost-share with you on one or more of these projects:

1. Installing new fencing around forest and

treed areas, to manage how / when / if live-stock use the treed area. ALUS Lacombe could cost-share with you on the fencing, and could pay you \$35 per acre of fenced forest area per year.

2. Planting new native trees, shrubs, forbs in an existing forest or treed area to enhance the forest habitat, and protecting that planted area from livestock impacts. ALUS Lacombe could cost-share with you on the trees and other plants being planted, and any fencing needed to protect the planted area. In projects like this, ALUS Lacombe could pay you \$50 per acre per year for the area being planted.
3. Planting new, multi-row shelterbelts or forest eco-buffers consisting of native trees, shrubs, forbs, grasses. ALUS Lacombe could cost-share with you on the trees and other plants being planted, and could pay you annual payments of \$100 per acre being planted.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact us any time: Ken Lewis (ALUS Coordinator) at 403-505-9038 / [klewis@rdcounty.ca](mailto:klewis@rdcounty.ca) or Jenna Dell (ALUS Field Assistant) at 403-392-4616 / [jdell@rdcounty.ca](mailto:jdell@rdcounty.ca).

## WILD About Bees

**We know native pollinators are on the decline, but what's the most effective way we can help?**

**Create more HABITAT!**

This April, Lacombe County invites you to support local pollinators by purchasing our specially curated pollinator seed mix and the informative Wild About Bees handbook.

### Wild About Bees Handbook & Seed Mix - \$22.92

Your package includes:

- Step-by-step instructions on creating a high-quality pollinator garden specifically designed for native pollinators
- Guide for every species included in your seed package
- A list of Lacombe County's top 20 favourite pollinators
  - Information on additional resources to support your gardening efforts

**The seed mix contains 100% native wildflowers, carefully selected and thoroughly researched to thrive within the Aspen Parkland Ecoregion.**

### How to Purchase:

Once ready, you can pick up your Wild About Bees handbook and seed package at the Lacombe County Office (Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm).

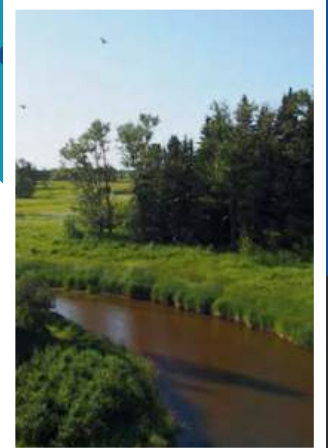
Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for updates and details about the program launch!

## JOIN US

### Medicine River Sampling Project

Update & a FREE Meal

**Learn about the Medicine River  
Sampling and plans for 2025.**



### SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- **2024 Medicine River Sampling results**  
Francine Forrest, M.Sc., Executive Director RDRWA  
Darian Coulter, Watershed Outreach & Project Coordinator, RDRWA
- **Drought Impacts on Groundwater**  
David Toop, Msc. P.Geo, Hydrogeologist, Alberta Environment & Parks Drought Response Team  
Todd Aasen, P.Eng, Approval Manager, Alberta Environment & Parks

### DATES/TIMES/LOCATION

**Wednesday, April 2, 2025**  
10AM  
Free lunch included  
Fensala Hall, Markerville AB

**Friday, April 4, 2025**  
6PM (Doors open at 5:30PM)  
Free supper included  
Leslieville Elks Hall,  
Leslieville AB

## Questions?

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





# AGRICULTURE

## The Great Twine Round-Up continues in Alberta, with \$9,000 in cash prizes still to be won for 4-H clubs and ag charities!

Cleanfarms, through the 'Alberta Ag-Plastic. Recycle-It!' pilot program, is hosting 'The Great Twine Round-Up', a province-wide twine collection contest with a total of \$12,000 in cash prizes for the winners' 4-H club or an Alberta-based agricultural charity of choice.

The first of four \$3,000 cash prizes has already been awarded to the Northern Lethbridge 4-H Beef Club, and three more prizes are up for grabs. Two of the remaining prize draws will go to winning 4-H clubs/districts, and the final draw will be awarded to an independent entrant's Alberta-based agricultural charity of choice.

### Here's how to participate:

- Collect used plastic baler twine in the collection bags provided for free at participating collection sites and select County offices.
- Mark each bag with your 4-H club/district name and the date if participating on behalf of a 4-H club or with your full name/farm name and the date if participating individually.

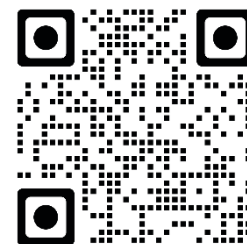
- Drop off the bags at a participating collection site before May 31, 2025, and snap a photo of your bags at the site!
- Submit your photo through the contest web page to enter: [greattwineroundup.ca](https://greattwineroundup.ca).

The more bags you drop off, the more entries you'll have. You'll also be helping to keep used baler twine out of landfills and burn piles. For more information and full contest rules, visit the contest web page: [greattwineroundup.ca](https://greattwineroundup.ca)

'The Great Twine Round-Up' is part of the 'Alberta Ag-Plastic. Recycle it!' pilot program, through which Alberta farmers return used plastic baler twine and grain bags for recycling. Last year, Cleanfarms recycled 673,000 kg of grain bags and 95,400 kg of twine through this pilot. The pilot project is led by the multi-stakeholder Agricultural Plastics Recycling Group (APRG); funds were granted by the Government of Alberta and are administered by Alberta Beef Producers. Learn more about this program: <https://cleanfarms.ca/alberta-ag-plastic-recycle-it-program-details/>.



Entry submission photo for the Great Twine Round-Up.



## Managing gophers populations without strychnine

A multifaceted strategy is essential to manage gopher populations effectively without relying on strychnine. With the phase-out of strychnine for gopher control, as directed by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), alternatives must be considered. Strychnine's production ceased in 2021, sales ended in 2022, and its use concluded in March 2023, marking a significant shift in pest control strategies for local producers.

Both Rozol RTU and Burrow Oat Bait rodenticides can be effective in controlling gophers when used early in the season (March-April) before gophers reproduce and when other food sources are scarce. For sensitive areas around yards, gas cartridges (Giant Destroyers) and traps offer non-chemical control methods and are widely available at local hardware stores.

Additionally, land management plays a crucial role in controlling gopher populations. Prevention of overgrazing creates less inviting habitats for gophers. Encouraging natural predators by maintaining habitats—for instance, trees for hawks or burrows for badgers—can also contribute to gopher population control, complementing traditional methods like shooting, trapping, and rodenticide use.

With Richardson Ground Squirrels, locally known as gophers, playing a significant ecological role yet posing potential threats to agriculture and ecosystems, a balanced approach to their control is critical. An integrated pest management approach not only addresses immediate pest control needs but also considers long-term ecological balance and regulatory compliance. For more detailed guidance on the biology and control of these pests, resources such as Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation's informational factsheet offer valuable insights.

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Services department at 403-782-8959.



## REQUEST BY MAY 15: Roadside Haying Program

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

### Important Dates:

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

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

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



# Happy World Water Day

## March 22, 2025

### Water Conservation Tips for a Sustainable Lifestyle

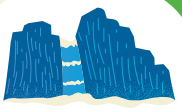
#### Quick Showers

Opt for shorter showers to save water—aim for efficiency without sacrificing cleanliness.



#### Leak Patrol

Fix any leaks promptly; a dripping faucet can waste litres of water over time.



#### Collect Rainwater

Install rain barrels to collect rainwater for watering plants or washing purposes.



#### Full Loads Only

Run washing machines and dishwashers with full loads to maximize water efficiency.



#### Turn Off the Tap

Turn off the tap while brushing teeth etc to avoid unnecessary water waste.



#### Xeriscape Landscaping

Choose drought-resistant and/or native plants to reduce outdoor water needs.



#### Greywater Wisdom

Reuse greywater for non-potable purposes like flushing toilets or watering plants.



#### Smart Irrigation

Use smart irrigation systems that adjust watering schedules based on weather conditions to avoid overwatering.

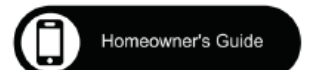


"Someday, we might look back with nostalgia at the days when profligate homeowners wastefully sprayed their lawns with liquid gold to make grass grow, just so they could burn black gold to cut it down on weekends." – Michael Webber

## Dealing with spring runoff

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

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





# UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

**LACOMBE COUNTY**

**Lacombe County Presents**

## All About Trees

Tree Care & Maintenance with Toso Bozic, Certified Arborist & Owner of Yard Whisperers

April 22, 2025  
Lacombe County Office  
6:00PM - 9:00PM  
FREE | Light refreshments


Join us for an informative and engaging FREE workshop with Toso Bozic, who brings 28 years of experience in trees, forestry, and agroforestry. Enjoy learning practical tips to keep your trees healthy and thriving!

**Topics Covered:**

- ✓ Successful tree care and maintenance
- ✓ Proper tree planting and site preparation
- ✓ Insect and disease management
- ✓ Environmental challenges: drought, hail, salt, herbicides, wildlife, and livestock

To sign up, visit Eventbrite:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/all-about-trees-tickets-1207904317329>  
or scan the QR code.

**scan ME!**



**LACOMBE COUNTY**

## RADON AWARENESS & EDUCATION


This session will provide essential information on the risks of radon exposure, its link to lung cancer, and how you can protect yourself and your home. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to reduce radon-related health risks and safeguard your indoor air quality.

**APRIL 9 | 12-1 PM**

**RSVP via Eventbrite**

<https://RadonAwareness2025.eventbrite.ca>  
403.782.8959  
jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com

**alberta lung**  
for every breath



## Rural Pests and Predators

*How to prevent and mitigate problems*

**DATE: March 26, 2025**  
**TIME: 11AM - 2:30PM**  
**LOCATION: Lacombe Legion**  
**FREE | Lunch Provided**

Join us to discuss the important issues facing Alberta producers:

**WILD BOARS ARE IN ALBERTA**  
Learn about this destructive animal and identify them before they become loose in Central Alberta

**RICHARDSON GROUND SQUIRRELS**  
Control options, including Strychnine alternatives that work!

**ALBERTA AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS**  
What is being done in Alberta and how you can help "Rat on Rats" and "Squeal on Pigs"

**CARNIVORE PREDATION & LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT**  
Strategies for protecting livestock from carnivore predation through effective management practices.

Register on Eventbrite:  
[https://bit.ly/pests\\_and\\_predators](https://bit.ly/pests_and_predators)  
or by calling 403-782-8959

**Scan to register**








## RETHINKING WEEDS

### WHAT'S INVADING YOUR FIELDS & HOW TO STOP IT

What you'll learn from the experts!

<b>Cunning Kochia &amp; Willy Wild Oats:</b> Update on herbicide-resistant weeds	<b>New Grass Invaders:</b> Strategies to control new annual brome invaders in rangeland	<b>Hands-on Weed ID:</b> Get hands-on weed ID training with 45+ different species
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**June 17, 2025**  
**10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**  
**Lacombe Research & Development Centre**

**Bus Transportation Required:**

- Lacombe County Office (10:00 AM departure)
- CrossRoads Church, 38105 Range Road 27-5, Red Deer County (10:00 AM departure)

**\$30/person**

To learn more or to register your spot, visit <https://RethinkWeeds.eventbrite.ca> or scan the QR code



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# SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

## February 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025

### Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision (otherwise pending)
1	11/25	Kennect Building and Design	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 112 5302 (Pt. NW 25-40-23-W4M)	Replacement dwelling with covered deck and veranda	Approved
2	12/25	Connor MacLeod	Lots 6&7 Block 5 Plan 932 2650 (New Saratoga, Gull Lake)	Home Office <i>MB Landscaping Ltd.</i>	Approved
3	13/25	Aggregate Design Studio	Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 072 9331 (Aspelund Industrial Park)	Service and Repair Shop <i>known as LPS Crane</i>	Approved
4	14/25	Clinton Biggs & Jennifer O'Connor	Lot 10 Block 2 Plan 002 0581 (Lacombe Lakes Estates)	Detached Garage w/height relaxation	Approved
5	15/25	Vic Maxwell	Pt. SE-22-40-03-W5M	Riding and Boarding Facility <i>Known as Four Forty Farms Ltd.</i>	Approved
6	16/25	Henry Hofer	Pt. NE 23-41-4-W5M	Service, Repair and Sales of Ag Equipment <i>known as Trueline MFG Ltd.</i>	Approved
7	17/25	J.T. Setters & Sons Construction	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 142 1975 Pt. NW 14-39-27-W4M	Sand and Gravel Pit <i>Renewal and Expansion</i>	
8	18/25	Ronald & Sylvia McNeil	Lot 16 Block 5 Plan 222 1524 (The Slopes, Sylvan Lake)	Dwelling w/attached garage with covered deck and veranda	Approved

### Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision (otherwise pending)
9	S-005-25	Doug & Kimorie Rogers	NW 17-41-01-W5M	1st Parcel Out	
10	S-006-25	Brian McDonell	NE 25-39-04-W5M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
11	S-003-25	Valerie Pangle	NE 9-39-02-W5M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
12	S-004-25	Jay & Jennifer Bruggencate Robert & Doris Chiswell	W ½ 26-40-26-W4M	Boundary Adjustment	Approved

Do you have  
questions  
about  
subdivision  
or  
development  
activity?

### Contact Us:

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

**Dale Freitag**  
Director of  
Planning Services

**Cajun Paradis**  
Manager of  
Planning Services

**Nicklas Baran**  
Planner /  
Development  
Officer

**Kerrie Taylor**  
Economic  
Development  
Officer

**Allison Noonan**  
Planning Services  
Administrative  
Assistant

**Daniella Gonzalez**  
Planning Services  
Receptionist

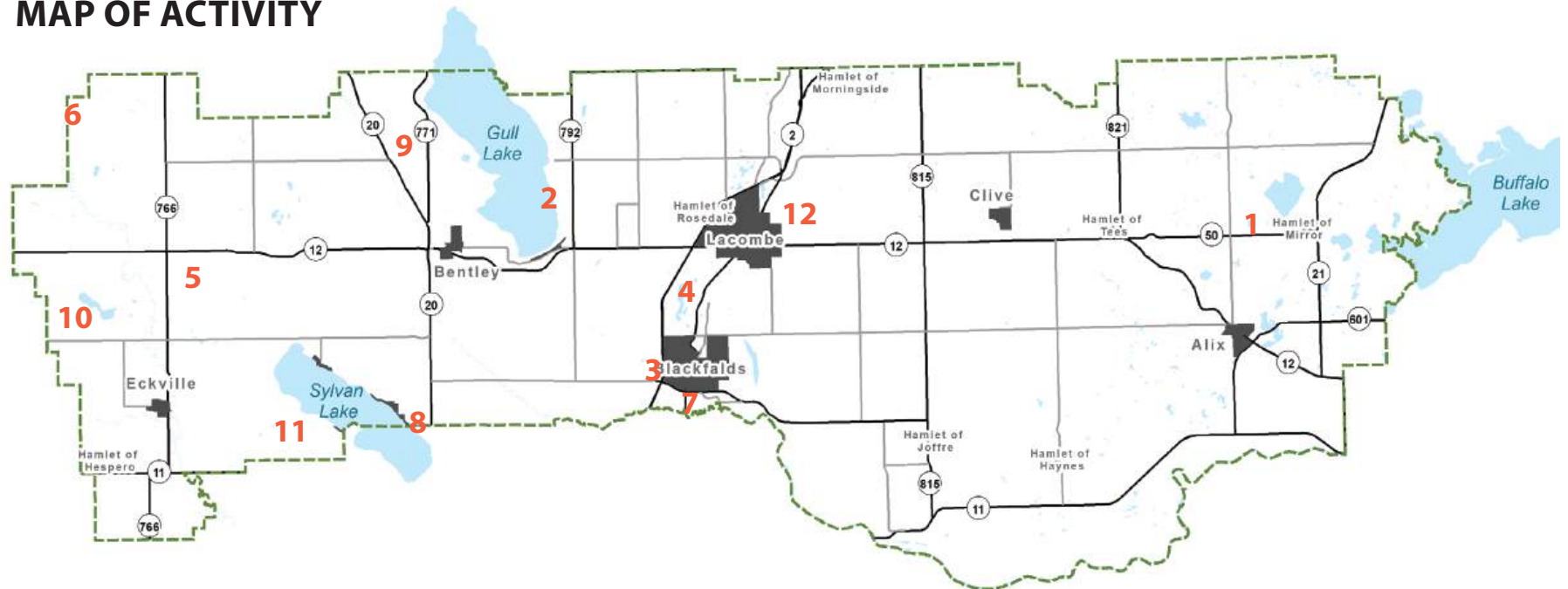
## **ATTENTION: Notification of Access for County Assessors**

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.



## MAP OF ACTIVITY



## Economic Development in Lacombe County: Success Grows Here!

Economic development plays a vital role in strengthening Lacombe County's economy and supporting local businesses. The economic development program is designed to create an environment where businesses can thrive, attract new investment, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents.

Economic development can mean different things to different people, but in Lacombe County, it primarily involves:

- Supporting and growing local businesses
- Attracting new businesses and investments
- Creating job opportunities
- Increasing the tax base to improve local services and infrastructure

A robust economic development program benefits everyone by contributing to a vibrant, sustainable community.

### LACOMBE COUNTY'S KEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS FOR 2025

This year, the Economic Development program will focus on several key priorities:

- Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E): Strengthening relationships with local businesses to identify and address their needs.
- Investment Attraction: Promoting Lacombe County as an ideal location for business growth and new investment opportunities.
- Regional Collaboration: Work-

ing with neighbouring municipalities and organizations to enhance economic opportunities and gather data that can help support future needs and growth.

- Support for Innovation: Encouraging technological advancements and business diversification.
- Business Recognition: Celebrating both long-standing and new businesses through milestone plaques, ribbon-cutting ceremonies, and community recognition.

### GET INVOLVED

We want to hear from you! Businesses are encouraged to:

- **Contact Economic Development** to explore opportunities

and resources. [economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com](mailto:economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com)

- **Subscribe to updates** to stay informed about new initiatives, support programs and potential grant funding opportunities.
- **Join the Business Directory** — with your permission, we'll add your business to our directory to help increase visibility and connection within the community.

Lacombe County is committed to fostering a strong, resilient economy. Whether you're a business owner, investor, or resident, your involvement makes a difference. Let's work together to grow success right here at home!

## Take control of your property taxes with the Tax Installment Payment Plan!

TIPP is a hassle-free way to pay your property taxes monthly, spreading payments over the year instead of making one lump sum in August.

Payments are automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the 15th of each month, helping you stay on budget and avoid costly late penalties:

- 6% penalty for unpaid taxes after August 31
- 10% penalty for unpaid taxes after December 31

### How TIPP Works:

- Taxes are billed in May and cover the calendar year (January 1–December 31).
- Your monthly payment is calculated by dividing your most recent tax bill by 12.

- Payments start January 15 and ensure your account is fully paid by December 15.

### What you need to know:

- Property taxes are due annually on August 31
- Sign up for the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) before December 31, 2024
- If you missed the December 31st deadline, no worries; you can sign up in 2025 (before July 31). We will require you to pay the missed monthly amounts up front and then withdraw monthly payments.

Enjoy peace of mind knowing you're on track and penalty-free. Sign up for TIPP today!

## Tax Installment PAYMENT PLAN



**Sign up TODAY**  
for the monthly plan.

Contact Lacombe County at (403) 782-6601 or visit [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com) for more details.



Automatic  
Budget-friendly  
Simple  
Convenient

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## LACOMBE COUNTY **SPOT** *light*

### PJs PLANTATION *Celebrating 25 years of growth*

In the heart of Lacombe County, nestled just outside Tees, PJ's Plantation has been a cornerstone of the local gardening and horticulture community for 25 years. Owned and operated by Peter and Jody Fowler, this seasonal retail greenhouse has flourished, offering a vast selection of bedding plants, flowers, vegetables, trees, shrubs, perennials, landscape supplies, and more to gardening enthusiasts across central Alberta.

PJ's Plantation isn't just about selling plants; it's about fostering a love for gardening within the community. Over the years, they've contributed to several local initiatives, including planning and supplying landscaping projects for Clive School and the Outdoor Classroom at Terrace Ridge School in Lacombe. They've grown vegetable seedlings for Hutterite colonies, hosted tours and workshops for schools and gardening groups, and showcased local artists' work within their greenhouse. Their Haunted Green(House) event helped stock the Mirror, Alix, and Clive Food Banks every fall for over a decade, making a meaningful impact on the neighboring communities while it was running.

"The support we've received from our community has been incredible," says Jody. "We've built wonderful relationships with our customers

and neighbors, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to give back."

Jody, a trained horticulturist from Olds College, and Peter, a power engineer with expertise in construction and water systems, had a vision of starting a greenhouse business where they could also raise their young sons in the countryside. In 1999, they purchased land in Lacombe County and began with two small hoop houses, hoping to establish a commercial vegetable operation. However, due to high startup costs, they shifted their focus to bedding plants—and the demand was overwhelming.

"We sold out in just a month," Jody recalls. "That's when we realized there was a real need for quality plants, and we decided to grow the business from there."

Over the years, PJ's Plantation expanded, adding larger greenhouses, increasing plant varieties, and improving accessibility. Their dedication to quality and customer service has earned them a loyal following, with customers often pre-ordering their famous 7-gallon tomato plants and hanging baskets before they are even planted.

For Peter and Jody, Lacombe County has been the perfect place to run their business. "People here are friendly, supportive of local busi-

nesses, and the location gives us great access to surrounding communities," says Peter. "It's also been a great place to raise our family."

PJ's Plantation has also provided employment opportunities for many local youth and adults over the years. High school students have gained valuable work experience, while long-term staff have become an integral part of the greenhouse's operations. "One of our team members has been with us since the beginning, and many others have been with us nearly as long. We appreciate them more than we can say!" says Jody.

Running a greenhouse business has come with its challenges, particularly when it comes to managing water. "Water is everything," explains Jody. "Too much, too little, at the right time or the wrong time—it all makes a huge difference. You have to be adaptable and ready to adjust as needed."

Like many in the ag industry, PJ's Plantation has also faced rising costs for fuel, freight, and materials. To stay competitive, they source locally whenever possible, buy in bulk, and share orders with other growers.

**As PJ's Plantation celebrates its 25th anniversary, they remain committed to providing high-quality plants and exceptional service to their customers. To mark the milestone, they are**



**planning a Customer Appreciation Weekend on May 10 and 11 to thank their loyal patrons.**

"There's no such thing as a 9-to-5, 40-hour workweek in this industry," says Peter. "It's a labor of love. But when we hear from customers about their amazing tomato harvests or see their beautiful planters grown from our plants, it makes it all worth it."

With a strong foundation, dedicated team, and deep roots in the community, PJ's Plantation is poised to keep growing for years to come.

For more information, check out their website at [www.pjsplantation.ca](http://www.pjsplantation.ca) and visit PJ's Plantation at 40331 Range Road 240, Tees, AB, in May to join them in celebrating a quarter-century of gardening success!

#### CONNECT ONLINE

- **Website:** [www.pjsplantation.ca](http://www.pjsplantation.ca)
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054308809123#>
- **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/pjs.plantation/>





# CULVERT AWARENESS | What to know this spring

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

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

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

Residents should be cautious

and avoid venturing into unsafe areas where there may be washouts or other spring runoff. Watch for hazards and ensure the road is stable when approaching flooded areas and washouts. Remember, your safety comes first! Lacombe County will use media releases to inform residents of road closures and dangerous areas.

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

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



Major flooding is more prevalent on the Blindman River and the Medicine River. The bridges south of Bentley are the most prone to possible damage. The bridges in the County's north-west area, which mostly are standard bridges, may also be

threatened. Implementing detour routes for road and bridge repairs will cause inconvenience but should not isolate residents.

## Scholarships available through Red Deer Polytechnic

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

### Lacombe County Leadership Scholarship

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

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

**Value:** 1 @ \$1850.00

### Lacombe County Leadership Scholarship for Apprentice

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

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

**Value:** 1 @ \$1850.00

### Lacombe County Scholarship for Rural Students

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

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

**Value:** 1 @ \$1850.00

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**LACOMBE COUNTY**  
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Visit [getchecked.ca](https://getchecked.ca) for more information.



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



# SPRING SEEDING DRIVE SAFELY

Whether you work in acres or hours, patience pays off!



## DID YOU KNOW? Assessment

The 2024 assessment roll is complete as required by the statutory deadline of February 28th. Your property assessment is an estimate of the property's value as of July 1st, 2024, based on the property's characteristics as of December 31st, 2024.

Any physical changes to your property that were reported or identified through development permits, changes in use, requests for information, etc. will be reflected in your 2024 property assessment. Some property owners failed to report physical changes when requested (e.g. such as building removals and/or change in use). If you are one of those owners, and would like a re-assessment to reflect the changes, you may be required to provide evidence that the change occurred prior to December 31, 2024. Otherwise changes reported to the Assessor will be verified and reflected on your 2025 assessment for the 2026 tax year.

Council will determine a municipal tax rate and confirm the overall tax rate for each class once the Senior's and Provincial Education Requisitions have been established. Tax rates are applied to your property's assessment by class to calculate the 2025 property tax levy.

The Assessment Department has concluded the initial review of tax-exempt properties addressed through MGA s.362(1)(n) and the COPTER Regulation. Letters were recently mailed to these organizations regarding their tax-exempt status for the 2025 tax year. If you are a non-profit organization and believe you may have been overlooked during the review process, please contact the Assessment Department.

### 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.

**STAYING SAFE IN WILDFIRE SEASON.**

**ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY?**

With wildfires becoming more frequent and intense, AltaLink's highest priority is protecting your community while providing safe, reliable power.

### WILDFIRE SAFETY



#### AltaLink's fire prevention measures

- + Enhanced vegetation clearing around power lines
- + Increased inspections
- + Strengthening our system
- + Expanding preparedness



#### Public Safety Power Shutoff

- + Last resort safety measure
- + Extreme and dangerous weather conditions
- + Power may be shut off until conditions are safe
- + Advance notice and regular updates provided when possible



#### How you can prepare

- + Create an emergency plan and kit with supplies to last at least 72 hours
- + Plan for any medical needs
- + Ensure your local retailer has your updated contact information to receive alerts

Learn more about what AltaLink is doing and how you can prepare at

[altalink.ca/wildfiresafety](https://altalink.ca/wildfiresafety)

Follow us on social media for regular updates.





LACOMBE LAKE WATERSHED  
STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY

## Annual General Meeting

**Public Invitation**

**THURSDAY,  
APRIL 10, 2025  
7:00 PM  
KOZY KORNER, LACOMBE**



**PRESENTATIONS & UPDATES**

Alberta Lakes Health Overview  
Brad Peters,  
Alberta Lake Management Society

Invasive Species  
Nicole Kimmel  
Alberta Environment & Protected Areas

**AGM to follow**

EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME!


## Raffle Alert: Enter to Win BIG – & Change Lives Forever!

Our Side-by-Side to Save Lives Raffle has officially launched, and it's your chance to win BIG while supporting a great cause! Get ready for an exciting opportunity to win a BRAND NEW 2024 Can-Am worth \$45,000, complete with tracks, and help your local rescue organization make a difference in the lives of animals who need it most.

But wait, there's more! The Second Chances 50/50 raffle is also part of the fun, giving you a second chance to win BIG with a grand prize of up to \$50,000!

### Here's What You Could Win:

- Grand Prize: A 2024 Can-Am worth \$45,000, complete with tracks – the ultimate vehicle for off-road adventures!
- Second Chances 50/50: Win up to \$50,000 in the Second Chances 50/50 raffle – the perfect way to change your life (and the lives of countless animals)!

### How to Enter:

1. Enter the Side-by-Side Raffle: Purchase your raffle tickets to win the \$45,000 2024 Can-Am!
2. Don't Forget the Second Chances 50/50: Add on the 50/50 option for a second shot at up to \$50,000!
3. Spread the Word: Let friends, family, and coworkers know about this incredible opportunity.

With the Side-by-Side Raffle and the Second Chances 50/50, you could be the lucky winner of an incredible prize, while also making a lasting impact.

Don't miss out – enter today, and let's make this the raffle that changes lives for everyone involved! ★

For more details or to buy your tickets,  
visit: <https://trellis.org/side-by-side-to-save-lives>  
Or scan the QR Code:



403-785-7427

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Facebook: Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Community Crime Watch  
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2025

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Presents

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**Classroom Agriculture Program**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

to inspire the next generation.

Become a CAP volunteer and help inspire the next generation! As a CAP volunteer, you'll visit pre-registered Grade 4 and 5 classrooms, leading one-hour presentations that highlight the importance of agriculture. Share your passion through storytelling, hands-on activities, and fun games that engage and educate students in an interactive way.

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







# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 13, 2025

## PLANNING SERVICES UPDATE

Council received an update on the progress and activities of the Planning Services Department for the month of January 2025.

## ANIMALS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Council received a presentation regarding the feedback gathered from the 2024 community consultation on animals in residential districts. Staff compiled the feedback and proposed bylaw amendments for Council's consideration.

Bylaw No. 1428/25, a bylaw of Lacombe County for the purpose of amending the Lacombe County Land Use Bylaw No. 1237/17 as it relates to Animals in Residential Districts, received first reading. A public hearing for Bylaw No. 1428/25 will be held on March 13, 2025 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Lacombe County Council Chambers.

## 2024 ANNUAL REVIEW OF MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND LAND USE BYLAW

The 2024 annual review of the Municipal Development Plan and the Land Use Bylaw was presented to Council and accepted for information. Areas for improvement were identified and proposed bylaw amendments were submitted for Council's consideration.

Bylaw No. 1429/25, a bylaw of Lacombe County for the purpose of amending the Lacombe County Municipal Development Plan No. 1238/17 as it relates to General Regulations and District Requirements, and Bylaw No. 1430/25, a bylaw of Lacombe County for the purpose of amending the Lacombe County Land Use Bylaw No. 1237/17 as it relates to General Regulations and District Requirements, received first reading. A public hearing for both bylaws is scheduled for March 13, 2025 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Lacombe County Council Chambers.

## AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING NOTES

Council reviewed the minutes of the October 23, 2024 Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board meeting and approved recommendations as follows:

- That the Kubota and Operator Spraying Service fee be amended to \$80 per hour.
- That the 2024 Moisture Situation Update be received for information.
- That the 2024 Seasonal Agriculture Operations Update be received for information.
- That the 2024 ASB Resolution Report Card be received for information.

- That the Western Crop Innovations presentation be received for information.
- That the Alberta Environment Protected Areas presentations be received for information.
- That the October 23, 2024 Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be approved as presented.

## CITY OF LACOMBE FIRE HALL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council appointed Councillor Weenink and Reeve Shepherd to the City of Lacombe Fire Hall Planning Committee, with Councillor West designated as the alternate member.

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLANNING SESSION – BLACKFALDS & SYLVAN LAKE RCMP

Council supported the three following policing priorities for inclusion in the Blackfalds & Sylvan Lake RCMP Detachment Annual Performance Plans:

1. Crime Reduction & Rural Crime Prevention
2. Road Safety & Traffic Enforcement
3. Mental Health & Family Violence Response

# A Moment of Reflection on Women in Agriculture

By Tatyana Pavlovets  
Executive Director, Central Alberta  
Forage and Livestock Association



It was an absolute honour to be nominated for the Woman in Agriculture award, handed out at the Mountain View and Neighbours Women in Business Annual Awards Luncheon in Olds. This gave me the opportunity to reflect on the incredible contributions women are making in the agricultural sector—here in Alberta and across Canada.

According to the 2021 Census of Agriculture, women accounted for 32.4% of farm operators in Alberta, slightly above the national average of 30.4%. But numbers alone don't tell the full story.

Women are increasingly stepping into leadership roles as farm operators, making critical decisions about crops, livestock, finances, and business operations. Their involvement is shaping the future of agriculture in powerful ways.

Many women are leading the charge in diversifying agricultural practices—developing niche mar-

kets like organic farming, value-added products, and direct-to-consumer sales. In Alberta, women-run farms are producing specialty meats, artisanal dairy products, and locally grown produce. They are also fueling rural economic development through farm-based businesses and agri-tourism ventures.

One of the nominees I was fortunate to share the spotlight with, Josee Kirk, exemplifies this spirit of innovation. She is the owner and operator of Kirk Alpaca Farm, an overwhelmingly successful agri-tourism destination near Three Hills.

## LEADERSHIP ON AND OFF THE FARM

Women's leadership extends beyond the farm gate. Here at CAFLA, women hold a slight

majority on our board of directors. These remarkable ladies play key roles in advocating for agricultural issues, advancing education, and lobbying for government support. Their leadership reaches into local agricultural associations, cooperatives, and community programs, where they continue to drive change and foster growth.

Off the farm, women are also making significant contributions to agricultural research, technology adoption, and educational outreach. They are teaching new techniques, promoting sustainability practices, and encouraging the use of innovative farming technologies. Women researchers are advancing areas like crop science, livestock genetics, and environmental stewardship.

## CHAMPIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY AND MENTORSHIP

Many women in agriculture are leading the way when it comes to sustainable farming practices. They are passionate advocates for soil conservation, water management, and sustainable livestock and crop production. A shining example is one of our own directors, Deb Skeels, and her husband Doug,

who were recently recognized with the Sustainable Grazing Stewardship Award from Clearwater County.

Equally important, women in agriculture are building and supporting networks that offer mentorship, professional development, and social connection. These networks are critical in helping women entering or advancing in the industry—reducing isolation, sharing best practices, and increasing success in agricultural businesses.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Women's contributions to Alberta's agricultural sector are varied, impactful, and essential. From farm management and innovation to advocacy and education, women are key drivers of the industry's success. Their leadership continues to shape and diversify agriculture in the province, ensuring a vibrant future for generations to come.

I am proud to stand among these women and am deeply grateful for the recognition this nomination represents. Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive, and more innovative agricultural community.



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 27, 2025

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NOTES

The following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 4, 2025 received the approval of Council:

- That the Lacombe County Social Media presentation be received for information.
- That the Industrial Lot Inventory and Future Industrial Development presentation be received for information.
- That the Advertising Bylaw presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to draft an Advertising Bylaw for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- That the Dust Control Program presentation be received for information.
- That the Tracking Dirt onto Roads discussion be received for information.
- That the Mature Asset Strategy discussion be received for information.
- That the Sandy Point Development presentation be received for information.
- That the Watering Wagon for Shelterbelt Planting discussion be received for information.

- That the Meeting with the Rural Municipalities of Alberta discussion be received for information.
- That the Purchase of U.S. Goods, Services, and Supplies discussion be received for information.

## POLICY RC(9) COUNTY SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Council approved the 2025 RC(9) funding applications (see table below).

## 2024 TAX SALE (PUBLIC AUCTION) FOLLOW UP

On November 1, 2024, the County held its annual tax sale via public auction in accordance with section 418 of the Municipal Government Act. This auction included four properties with outstanding property taxes for more than two years. Two of the subject properties are located in Mirror, one in Rosedale Valley and one south of Blackfalds. No bids were received at the auction for any of the properties.

By resolution of Council, Lacombe County will acquire title to the following properties and offer them for sale in accordance with the Municipal Government Act:

- Lot 25, Block 3, Plan 7159AI

- Lot 25, Block 4, Plan 7159AI
- NW Quarter Section 17, Township 39, Range 26, West of the 4th Meridian
- OT (road allowance) portion, Section 36, Township 40, Range 27, West of the 4th Meridian

## LACOMBE DISC GOLF ASSOCIATION RC(1) ROSEDALE VALLEY DISC GOLF COURSE FUNDING REQUEST

Council approved \$9,000 in funding for the Lacombe Disc Golf Association's Rosedale Valley Disc Golf Course project. The funding will come from the County's Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

## OPERATIONS POLICY REVIEW

Council approved the revised OP(1) Road Designations and Standards policy as presented and the revised OP(6) Dust Control policy.

## AVILA ENERGY – 2024 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT PLAN REQUEST - UPDATED

A motion that Lacombe County approve the payment plan proposed by Avila Energy for its tax account with payments paid over a thirty-six period starting June 1st, 2025, as outlined in its February 25, 2025 proposal, did not receive Council approval.

## LACOMBE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE 2024 REPORT

Council received a presentation on the 2024 Report for the Lacombe Performing Arts Centre and directed the County Manager to prepare a report and recommendation for consideration at a future Council meeting.

## FRIENDS OF LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Council received a presentation from the Friends of Landowners Association.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION BYLAW

Council approved first, second, and third readings to Bylaw No. 1431/25, a bylaw governing municipal elections in Lacombe County.

Council Highlights & Minutes can be found on our website at [www.lacombecounty.com/en/our-government/agendas-and-minutes.aspx](http://www.lacombecounty.com/en/our-government/agendas-and-minutes.aspx)



All Applications			
Lacombe County RC(9) Grant Program - 2025			
Community	Applicant	Event	Approved Amount
Alix	Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society	Family Day/Easter /Mother's Day	\$ 1,222.00
Bentley	Bentley & District Ag Society	Bentley Fair and Rodeo	\$ 1,222.00
Blackfalds	Town of Blackfalds	Blackfalds Day	\$ 8,561.00
Clive	Village of Clive	Clive Funfest	\$ 1,222.00
Eckville	Town of Eckville	Eckville Canada Day	\$ 1,222.00
Lacombe	Lacombe Performing Arts Centre Foundation	Music in the Park	\$ 1,500.00
Lacombe	City of Lacombe Arts Endowment Fund	Creation Station	\$ 2,000.00
Lacombe	Lacombe Days Association	Lacombe Days	\$ 8,948.00
Lacombe	Lacombe Museum	Summer Student Salaries	\$ -
Lacombe County	Friends of Mirror Library Society	May Long Children's activities	\$ 660.00
Lacombe County	Mirror Jolly Senior Social Club	Seniors Week Family Bingo, Labour Day BBQ	\$ 725.00
Lacombe County	Mirror Recreation Society	Easter/Spring Celebration	\$ 600.00
Lacombe County	Mirror Recreation Society	Children's Halloween Party & Haunted House	\$ 600.00
Lacombe County	Mirror Recreation Society	Christmas Celebration (Santa	\$ 600.00
Lacombe County	Mirror Association for Ball Diamonds, Campgrd	Canada Day, Fire and Ice	\$ 1,500.00
Lacombe County	Tees Agricultural Society	Spring Chilli Cook-off and Bingo	\$ 500.00
Lacombe County	Tees Agricultural Society	Christmas Concert and Carol Festival	\$ 500.00
Lacombe County	Birch Bay Community Association	Family Day, July 1st fireworks, Beach Day BBQ	\$ 1,474.00
Lacombe County	Wilson Beach Estates	Christmas Parade	\$ 750.00
Lacombe County	Ellis Bird Farm	Canada Day, Blue Bird Festival, Bug Jamboree	\$ 1,500.00
SV of Birchcliff	SV of Birchcliff	Summer Celebration	\$ 611.00
SV of Gull Lake	Gull Lake Community League	Family Day, Canada Day , Christmas Pot Luck	\$ 611.00
SV of Sunbreaker Cove	SV of Sunbreaker Cove	Sunbreaker Cove Regatta	\$ 611.00
SV of Half Moon Bay	SV of Half Moon Bay	July 1st Canada Day	\$ 611.00
			\$ 37,750.00



# RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

## Home Support Services

**Reliable Housekeeping for Seniors**

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### Services Offered:

- Laundry
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- Dusting
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## Golden Circle Outreach Bentley



### Outreach Services Available:

- Alberta Senior Benefits
- Assistance with Government Forms
- Referrals for Tax Assistance
- Home Maintenance Services
- Homestyle Frozen Meal Program
- Housing Resource List
- Information and Referral Services
- Supportive Medical Transportation

**Toll Free Elder Abuse Line**

1 (877) 454-2580

**Monday to Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm**

For more information contact

Outreach Coordinator:

(403) 343-6074



### Walk-In's at Bentley Care

Centre/Community Services

1:00pm-3:30pm

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025

Tuesday, March 18th, 2025

Tuesday, April 8th, 2025

Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025

Please contact Barb Carson at the Town of Bentley if you have any questions.

community@townofbentley.ca

**Did you know?**

County residents within 20 km of Lacombe can book the bus for errands & medical appointments.

Please call 403-782-6637 for more information or to reserve your spot

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE \$10

### Over The Hill & Loving The View

located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

## The Seniors Drop In welcomes everyone 55+

- |             |       |                            |
|-------------|-------|----------------------------|
| • Tuesdays  | 1 pm  | Socialize/cards/games      |
| • Thursdays | 10 am | Socialize - Toast & Coffee |
| • Potluck   | noon  | Last Tuesday each month    |

Special Outings - dinner theatres and more.

Have an idea? Let us know.

## Seniors 55+ Wellness Mornings

Special programming (no charge) on Mondays/Wednesdays

- |              |                                |                              |
|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| • Mondays    | 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



# AROUND THE COUNTY



**Blackfalds'**  
**Servus Credit**  
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**Library**

**Free memberships for Blackfalds & Lacombe County residents!**  
When signing up provide your legal land description.

**Programming**  
**Baby & Toddler Time** *Ages 0-3*  
**Music & Movement** *Ages 1-4*  
**Lego Club** *Ages 5+*  
**Reading Buddies** *Ages 6-13*  
**After School Fibre Arts Club** *Ages 10+*  
**Card Club** *Ages 18+*  
**Evening Pajama Story Time** *All Ages*  
**Family Board Games** *All Ages*  
*\*For more program information check out our website & social medias*

**Hours**

Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm
Monday	10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 8 pm
Thursday	10 am - 6 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm

**Contact**  
403-885-2343  
[www.blackfaldslibrary.ca](http://www.blackfaldslibrary.ca)  
Eagle Builders Centre 5302 Broadway Avenue, Blackfalds, AB T0M 0J0

Visit us on our website & social medias

## Morningside Hall Society UPCOMING EVENTS

Good bye winter, and welcome SPRING! The Morningside Hall Society invites you to some exciting upcoming events

**April 12 - Spring Potluck** *(Doors open at 5:30 PM)*

**May - Watch for more details about the Morningside Garage Sale**  
*Date to be announced, but now's the time to get your items ready!*

**Lacombe Arts Endowment Grant**  
**2025 Call for Submissions**

Open to Artists of all forms and mediums



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

\$2,500  
Maximum Per Grant

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

Application Deadline is March 31, 2025



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## Make a SPLASH

at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre

5429 53rd Street

The Gary Moe Sportsplex is home to the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre (KAC). Come take a dip at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre. We offer a climbing wall, small slide, rope and many special events throughout the year.

What's Happening at the pool:

- Special March Break programming March 24-28, 2025, swim lessons spots still available
- Escape the Freeze at the Beach Bash March 30, 1:15-5:00 pm
- Starting April 7, Public Swim will change to \$3 Thursday instead of Tuesday's
- April 18 Good Friday, Public Swim 1:00-5:00 pm only
- April 21 Easter Monday, Public Swim 1:00-5:00 pm only

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





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mother's Day Market



Saturday May 10, 2025

Haynes Hall 10am - 4 pm

Lots of local vendors with amazing items.  
Drop down for lunch or a piece of pie and coffee!  
Concession courtesy of the Haynes Hall Board

- Sisbig
- Martina's Kitchen
- Naturally You
- BS Leather
- Craft Corral
- Fifth Avenue
- Waskasoo Metal Works
- Creations by Tam
- Arbonne
- Deep Roots
- Tiny Terrariums
- Head & Heart Soap Company
- Handmade Nest
- Fish & Fox Ceramics
- Norwex
- Thrifty Little Britches
- The Crazy's Emporium
- Adorned Links
- Brooklyn's Beauty Bar
- Farmasi
- Shell's Shimmering Expressions

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

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

We would love to see you!!



## SPRING BREAK FAMILY DANCE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025**

FEATURING  
**BENJAMIN CHRISTIANI**  
**BLAINE LUTWICK**

**7-10:30 PM**

**Lincoln Hall**  
41319-AB-792  
Lacombe County

**Tickets**  
**\$10-Individual**  
**\$35-Family**

Bring a snack to share  
Cash Pop

Includes Old Time and Line Dance Instruction

Come kick up your heels and cut loose!

Profits to the Broom Tree Foundation

## TRIVIA NIGHT

At the Library!

Join us for a fun & friendly game of general knowledge trivia

Thursday 10 April 7:00 - 8:15pm 41319-AB-792 Program Room

ADMISSION BY DONATION TO THE LIBRARY. REGISTER AS A TEAM OF 2-5, OR AS A SINGLE

**REGISTER NOW**

Phone and text only. Email registration also available. By phone, in person at the library, or email. Snacks will be served and prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Adults only please.

## LINCOLN HALL NEWS

### Hall Renovation

As discussed and approved at our last AGM (March 12, 2024) we are proceeding with the Coat Room Renovation to add storage space for the kitchen. The project has begun, so be sure to check it out the next time you are at the hall! In addition to the Coat Room transformation, we are excited to share that we have begun an entry-way 'History Wall', to showcase and highlight the nearly 100 years the Hall Society has been in existence.

### Future Events worth mentioning

We will send out more information in the near future - but watch email and social media for more information on upcoming events:

- Family Dance - Saturday, March 29th
- Pancake Supper - Saturday, April 5th
- Easter Bingo - Thursday, April 17th
- First Annual Father's Day Pub Night @ Lincoln Hall - Friday, June 13th

## gull lake centre

gulllakecentre.ca

# RISE UP

2025 Summer Camps - Registration Opens Jan 9

CAMP	AGE	DATE	PRICE +gst
Scamper	5-7	June 20-22	\$ 180
Family Camp	All Ages	July 6-11	See Web
Jr Teens 1	12-14	July 13-18	\$ 590*
Kids	9-11	July 20-25	\$ 590*
Youth	10-13	July 27-Aug 1	\$ 590*
Juniors	7-10	Aug 5-8	\$ 480*
Jr Teens 2	12-14	Aug 10-15	\$ 590*
Sr Teens	14-18	Aug 17-23	\$ 620*

\*Early Bird \$50 off until Feb 28

Sign up at [gulllakecentre.ca/camps](http://gulllakecentre.ca/camps)

### Tees Chili Cook-off and Family Fun Bingo – Saturday April 12



The Tees Ag. Society is hosting a Chili Cook-off followed by an evening of Family Fun Bingo. Submit your favorite chili to the community test. Or come and sample the chilies, select the winner and then join us for Bingo games.

All ages welcome. Many prizes to be won!!



- When: Saturday, April 12
- Where: Tees Community Hall
- Time(s): 5:30 pm – Chili Cook-off entries (please bring your chili in a slow cooker)  
6:00 pm - Chili tasting and supper  
6:30 pm - Bingo Card sales begin  
7:00 pm - Bingo Games begin
- Cost: \$5.00/person, \$20.00/family for chili supper complete with fixin's  
Free supper for cook-off entrants  
Bingo cards are \$1 each and are good for the evening.

Enter a Chili: Contact Crystal at 403-304-8080

More information: Contact Carla at 403-784-3055 or 587-447-8199

Special thanks to Lacombe County for sponsoring this event!!

## Mondays 3:15 to 5:15

### Grades 3 to 5 Kids Klub

Where young minds meet big ideas!

With a focus on community engagement our program nurtures good citizenship, emotional regulation and creativity. We will explore science and art while learning valuable life skills in a fun and supportive environment

## Fridays 9:30 to 11:30

### Stay & Play

Ages 0-6 with an adult

Location: Basement of Town Office  
Contact: Community Services 403-748-2160  
Programs Facilitated by: Parenting Proactively 101

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MAY 6, 2025**  
**@7:30pm**  
**AT BENTLEY MUNICIPAL LIBRARY**

**JOIN US!**

CONTACT THE LIBRARY FOR MORE INFO  
403-748-4626  
BENTLEY@BENTLEY.AB.CA



**MABDC&SS PRESENTS:**

# 2ND ANNUAL MAY LONG WEEKEND SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT

**MAY 16-19, 2025  
MIRROR, ALBERTA**

**MIRROR BALL DIAMONDS & CAMPGROUND**

**TEAM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

*Cash, prizes, drink tickets to be won!*

- Free camping
- Food trucks on site
- Cabaret Saturday May 17th
- Registered teams get FREE entry into Cabaret
- Maydays Celebration on Saturday! Parade & Activities
- \$400 entry fee
- 6M 4W Format
- Umps provided
- First 12 teams guaranteed to play! (Others will be placed on a waiting list)

**REGISTER NOW! Contact Dianne 403-391-4083**

**May 5  
10am-4pm  
at: LMC**

## Event Planning WORKSHOP

**COST \$60 includes lunch**

Events are critical to many non-profit organizations. Whether it's a fundraiser, volunteer appreciation, bottle drive, or information session...it's an event! This workshop provides an overview of event planning, which will help you plan and execute successful events.

**Topics covered will include:**

- Research types of events
- Design the event plan
- Manage the planning process
- Coordinate all elements
- Evaluation report

**Register by May 1st by contacting CLLLA at 403-782-7955 or office@cllla.com**

## Lake Life Under the Stars!




**ROCHON SANDS PROVINCIAL PARK & CAMPGROUND**

Reserve at [rochonsands.net/rspp](http://rochonsands.net/rspp)



**NARROWS PROVINCIAL RECREATION AREA & CAMPGROUND**

All Sites First Come First Serve

403.742.4338  
park@rochonsands.net  
Rochon Sands - [rochonsands.net/rspp](http://rochonsands.net/rspp)  
Narrows - [rochonsands.net/npra](http://rochonsands.net/npra)

**APRIL 11 & 12, 2025**

# ENCORE ART SALE

Lacombe Memorial Centre

**A Celebration Of The Arts**

**ARTISTS CALL TO ENTER**  
[WWW.LACOMBE.CA/ARTSALE](http://WWW.LACOMBE.CA/ARTSALE)

**CITY OF LACOMBE**

**Encore**

*Booklover's*



## CRAFT NIGHT

MAKE A SPECIAL GREETING CARD AND COORDINATING BOOKMARK FOR THE BOOKLOVER IN YOUR LIFE

**THURSDAY APRIL 3 AT 6:30PM**  
**FEE: \$5**

Registration required. At the library, online, or email Miranda miranda@pml.ab.ca  
In the Kinsmen Program Room, Mary C Moore Public Library

**LACOMBE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

# FISH FRY

**DINE IN or TAKE OUT**

**FISH FRY DATES (6 FRIDAYS OF LENT)**

**MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**


**MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:00-6:30**

**ADMISSION AT DOOR BY DONATION**

**THE PARISH OF ST. STEPHEN**  
5128-53 ST. - LACOMBE, AB

**ST. STEPHEN**



## Forshee Hall AGM

Join us at the Forshee Hall for our Annual General Meeting with potluck, and card night to follow. Share your ideas and vision for our community hall.

**Sunday, March 23<sup>th</sup> @ 4 PM**

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

**BENTLEY BOUTIQUE**

Use west entrance beside bay door.  
Bentley Long Term Care Facility  
4834 - 52 Avenue, Bentley

**Open Tues/Thurs 10-12 & 1-3**

Items for all ages & sizes.

Next to new clothing donations welcome!

Volunteer Coordinator Sandy 403.318.0270

Bentley Community Services 403.748.2160

**JOIN US FOR AN EASTER PARTY**

**SATURDAY APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> 10AM-NOON**  
**IN THE KINSMEN PROGRAM RM**

**REGISTER NOW AT THE LIBRARY!**

For families with children of all ages. \*Children must be supervised by an adult\*

**\$10 per family**

Contact: [miranda.cl@pml.ab.ca](mailto:miranda.cl@pml.ab.ca)  
403-782-3433

Hosted by Mary C Moore Public Library



## APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	April 1 Committee of the Whole (9AM)	2 Farm Vehicle Safety Check (west)	3 Farm Vehicle Safety Check (east)	4	5
6	7	8	9 Radon Awareness & Education Workshop	10 County Council 9AM	11 County News Submissions Due	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday (Office Closed)	19
20	21 Office Closed (Easter)	22 All About Trees Workshop	23	24 County Council 9AM	25	26
27	28	29	30	MAY 1	2	3

**Upcoming Events:** County Council Meeting (May 8), Victoria Day (May 19 - Office Closed), County Council Meeting (May 22)

## Help us promote YOU!



Do you know a **business, person, place or volunteer** you want to see profiled in County News?

Do you have a photograph you want to share?

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

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



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



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Planning Services - 403-782-8389

Community Services - 403-782-8959

Operations - 403-782-8379

Public Works Shop - 403-782-3567

### General

After Hours Emergency Answering Service	403.357.1210
Administration Fax	403.782.3820
Public Works Fax	403.782.5356

**For Service Requests, see our website - or phone the switchboard at 403-782-6601**

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