

County News

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Lacombe leaders celebrate near-unanimous national support for Agricultural Research Resolution

The City of Lacombe and Lacombe County are celebrating a major national milestone following the overwhelming adoption of their joint resolution at the recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Convention in Edmonton.

The resolution, calling on the Government of Canada to reverse the proposed closure of federally operated agricultural research centres, passed with an extraordinary 98% support from municipalities across the country.

"This is a powerful and unified message from municipalities nationwide," said Mayor Thalia Hibbs. "Communities from coast to coast to coast have recognized the critical importance of protecting Canada's agricultural research

capacity. We are incredibly proud to see such strong backing for this issue."

The resolution highlights the national importance of federal agricultural research centres, which support food security, climate resilience, innovation, and economic stability. These centres also house decades, often more than a century, of irreplaceable scientific data that inform decision-making at the federal level.

In introducing the resolution to delegates, Mayor Hibbs emphasized the national importance of maintaining these facilities:

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Celebrating Excellence in Agriculture: Lacombe County in search of the 2026 Farm Family Award recipient

Lacombe County and the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce are partnering for a fourth year on the Farm Family of the Year Award, aiming to recognize the exceptional achievements and contributions of ranch and farm families within our community. The winners of this esteemed award will be announced at the 2026 Chamber Gala in October.

The Farm Family of the Year Award acknowledges excellence in technical farm production and sustainability practices, family farm business management, agricultural industry involvement, and community and rural citizenship. This recognition highlights the remarkable accomplishments of ranch and farm families who have made significant contributions to the agricultural sector.

ABOUT THE NOMINATION PROCESS:

The nomination period for the Farm Family Award is from **May 14, 2026, until August 20, 2026**. Nominations can be submitted in person or by email to communications@lacombecounty.com. Eligible nominees must be Lacombe County producers whose primary source of income is agriculture.

Nominees must demonstrate a profound commitment to one or more of the following criteria:

- 1. Achievements and/or Innovations in Technical Farm Production:** Recognizing those who have made remarkable advancements in agricultural technology, techniques, or methods.
- 2. Sustainability Practices:** Honouring individuals who have implemented sustainable farming practices, contributing to the preservation of natural resources and the environment.
- 3. Family Farm Business Management:** Celebrating families who have exemplified excellence in managing their farm businesses, showcasing exemplary leadership and strategic decision-making.
- 4. Agricultural Industry Involvement:** Acknowledging individuals who have actively participated and contributed to the agricultural industry, sharing knowledge and fostering growth.
- 5. Community and Rural Citizenship:** Recognizing farm families who have made outstanding contributions to their local communities and exemplify strong rural values.

Nomination forms must be completed in their entirety and submitted no later than August 20, 2026.

For more information, please email communications@lacombecounty.com or call (403) 782-8959.

Visit www.lacombecounty.com/FarmFamily for full details and to access the nomination form

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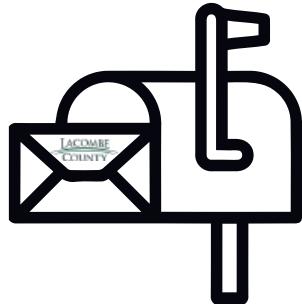
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Lacombe County TAXPAYERS' RESPONSIBILITY GUIDE

1 Watch for your annual Assessment & Tax Notices in the mail.

We will distribute our Assessment and Tax Notices in early May. These notices act as your official notification regarding the property tax owed for the current year. Please keep an eye on your mailbox for these essential documents.



2 Didn't receive a notice?

If you have not received your Assessment and Tax Notice by mid-June, please reach out to the Lacombe County Office without delay.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to confirm that you have received your notice.

3 Updating your mailing address

As a taxpayer, it's important to ensure that Lacombe County has your up-to-date mailing address.

Keeping your mailing address current is vital for receiving not just your tax notice, but also important County communications, and information from the AB Land Titles Office.



4 Assessment complaint process

Questions regarding your property assessment can be answered by County assessment staff.

There is a deadline for filing a complaint, which will be indicated on your notice.



5 Payment deadlines and options

All tax payments are due no later than August 31, 2026. Lacombe County offers a number of payment options (mail, in person, electronically, credit card, payment plan)

DON'T PROCRASTINATE! Lacombe County enforces a strict zero-tolerance policy for late payments.



www.lacombecounty.com/taxes

CONT. FROM FRONT: Near-unanimous national support for Agricultural Research Resolution

"At a time of global uncertainty, trade disruptions, food security concerns, and climate pressures, maintaining Canada's agricultural research capacity is more important than ever. The work conducted at these centres helps ensure Canadians continue to have access to a safe, reliable, and affordable food supply."

Support for the resolution was further underscored by municipal leaders from across Canada who spoke in favour during debate, including:

- Councillor Fred Gould, Municipality of Cumberland, Nova Scotia
- Councillor Joe Masi, City of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba and FCM Board member
- Councillor Bill Huber, Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217, Saskatchewan and President of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM)

Municipal leaders say this broad, cross-country support demonstrates the issue extends far beyond any single community.

"This near-unanimous vote shows municipalities understand that this is a national issue with very real local impacts," said Reeve John Ireland. "This response highlights that this is bigger than any one community or region. These research centres are part of a national system that supports producers, municipalities, and industries across Canada. When locations are

reduced or local data is replaced with information from regions with very different growing conditions, the strength of that entire system is diminished."

The resolution calls on the Government of Canada and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to halt the closures and work collaboratively with municipalities, provinces, industry, and Indigenous partners to develop a strengthened National Agricultural Research Strategy.

"Agricultural research is foundational to the success of our producers, our economy, and our long-term resilience," added Reeve Ireland.

The City of Lacombe and Lacombe County are urging the federal government to listen closely to the strong consensus expressed by municipalities.

"We are hopeful that Ottawa will take this clear signal seriously," added Mayor Hibbs. "Municipal voices have spoken decisively: protecting agricultural research infrastructure is essential to Canada's future."

The City of Lacombe and Lacombe County extend their gratitude to the many municipalities that cosponsored, spoke in support, and voted in favour of the resolution, and remain committed to advocating for strong, sustainable agricultural research across Canada.

The public can stay up-to-date on developments of the Task Force's advocacy efforts on our website: www.lacombecounty.com/LRDC.

Lacombe Regional Airport Master Plan

Project Overview

A new master plan is being developed to guide the future of the Lacombe Regional Airport and we're looking for your input. The Master Plan will build on the progress completed to-date and serve as the primary guide for the City of Lacombe, Lacombe County, and the Lacombe Flying Club as they plan for the airport's future.

Get Involved


Community input is an important part of the master plan process. Residents, businesses, interested stakeholders and airport users are invited to attend the upcoming open house.

Community Open House

If you'd like to meet the project team, learn more about the airport and the Master Plan, and share your perspectives and ideas, come out to the community open house!

 Thursday, June 25th, 2026

 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

 Lacombe Regional Airport Terminal Building
3910 63 Avenue

Strychnine for Emergency Use | Training and Product Timeline updates

Lacombe County is currently working with regulatory partners to determine how the program will be delivered locally, including access and administration. Lacombe County will be dispensing a limited quantity of strychnine once the product is available.

At this time:

- Local program details are being finalized.
- Producers wishing to participate in the 2% liquid strychnine program can contact the Agriculture Services department at 403-782-8959.
- Producers will be added to a contact list and will be contacted once strychnine is available for purchase.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to limited supply, a maximum of one (1) case per producer will be sold.

MANDATORY TRAINING

All producers who intend to purchase or use strychnine must complete the approved Strychnine Stewardship Training BEFORE purchasing the product. Lacombe County is expecting to receive strychnine in late June.

The course is delivered online and MUST be completed prior to product purchase. The training provides essential instruction on:

- Proper handling and application
- Regulatory compliance
- Environmental safety

You can access the FREE training here: <https://strychnine-stewardship-training.thinkific.com/courses/producers training> is available until August 1, 2026, and will be available again in the spring of 2027.

Producers should complete the required training as early as possible to avoid delays once product becomes available.

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding training support on the Strychnine Stewardship Training Program, please contact: learning@sarm.ca.

For questions on strychnine availability, please contact the Agricultural Services Department at 403-782-8959 or email mbates@lacombecounty.com.

Watch our website and social media for the latest updates on product timelines, availability, and process for Lacombe County producers

LACOMBE COUNTY

2026 AGRICULTURE & ALUS TOUR

Join us for a day of exploring agriculture and environment projects through Lacombe County!

July 22, 2026 | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM | \$40
Lunch and bus transportation is provided

Destination #1: MFL Bison Ranch

A family-run ranch focused on regenerative agriculture, MFL Bison Ranch uses holistic grazing practices to build healthy soil, support biodiversity, and produce high-quality, natural bison. Their work reflects a strong commitment to sustainability, animal health, and preserving the land for future generations.





Destination #2: Bigelar Farm

This ALUS site features tree planting areas, a year-round alternative watering system, and fenced treed and riparian pastures to improve grazing management. These projects help to support clean water, resilient landscapes, and productive grazing.



Destination #3: Western Crop Innovations

Western Crop Innovations is a leading agricultural research organization focused on developing high-yielding, disease-resistant crop varieties for the prairies. Through advanced breeding techniques and collaboration, WCI helps farmers improve productivity, resilience, & sustainability across diverse growing conditions.



RSVP online: <https://2026AgTour.eventbrite.ca>
OR scan the QR code.

QUESTIONS? Call 403-782-8959 or email jmakus@lacombecounty.com





In case of emergency

call **9-1-1**

Emergency crimes are in-progress and pose an immediate or potential threat to life or public safety. These calls require immediate police attendance.

If you are unsure whether or not something is an emergency and requires calling 9-1-1, call 9-1-1.



To report non-emergency event

call **310-RCMP 7267**

Non-emergency events do not pose an immediate or potential threat to life or public safety. These include events that have already taken place prior to being discovered. They often do not require police attendance, but do require police response.

While these types of reports are important, they are not an emergency.

To report non-emergency crime online, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play.

Questions?
Call your local detachment.

For non-emergency inquiries, to speak with a member, or to follow up on an existing file, please call your local RCMP detachment's administration line, or phone the police service of jurisdiction in your area. You can also contact the Alberta RCMP via a web form at rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ab/contact.



More crime-reporting and response time information:



Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Gendarmerie royale du Canada



Discover Lacombe County this summer: Recreation & Parks Month kicks off with trails, lakes & green spaces to explore

June is officially Recreation & Parks Month (JRPM) across Alberta, and Lacombe County is celebrating by shining a light on the places that keep us active, connected, and proud to call this region home.

WHY JRPM MATTERS

Recreation and close-to-home nature benefit every age: they boost physical and mental health, strengthen community pride, and support local tourism. With three lakes, dozens of parks and natural areas, and an expanding trail network, Lacombe County has something for every pace—whether you're paddling at sunrise or geocaching with the kids.

TRAIL TIPS:

- Pack out everything you pack in—no bins on rural trailheads.
- Keep dogs leashed; wildlife and fellow walkers will thank you.
- Lacombe County does not provide winter maintenance, so enjoy the warm-weather footing while it lasts.

LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

Whether you're picnicking under the aspens at Kuhnen Park or tracking trout at Ray's Fishing Pond, please:

- Respect trail etiquette—keep right, pass on the left.
- Share space with wildlife; observe from a distance.
- Keep your pets on leashes
- Follow posted signs and any parking or boat-launch fees.

See you outside! Recreation & Parks Month is an invitation to rediscover the lakes, trails, and green corners that make Lacombe County such a special place to live. Lace up your shoes, grab a paddle—or just a good friend—and help us celebrate the great outdoors right here at home.

TRAIL SPOTLIGHT

TRAIL / PARK	WHAT YOU'LL FIND NEED-TO-KNOW
Trans Canada Trail: 8 km paved link between Lacombe & Blackfalds, plus 2 km south to the Blindman River bridge—ideal for strollers, bikes, and wheelchairs	Picnic at Lacombe Lake or pop into Kuhnen Park mid-route
Kuhnen Park: 6.3 km of forest loops with lake views, interpretive signage, and plenty of shade	Located north of Blackfalds on Hwy 2A—dogs on leash please
Sandy Point Regional Trail: Newly paved segment (2023) links the Sandy Point resort area to Hwy 12A trail network—watch for future extensions	Paid-parking program in effect at the beach & boat launch No dogs allowed on the beach.
Burns Nature Park: 20-acre sanctuary on Sylvan Lake's east shore; short hiking loops, lake lookout, and bird songs galore	Quiet-use area; perfect for a reflective walk
Anderson Park: 26 acres on Gull Lake featuring walking paths, disc golf, a junior paleontology dig site, playground, and pollinator gardens	Family-friendly with lots of room to roam

Learn more about Lacombe County's parks and trails at www.lacombecounty.com/parks.

NO DOGS ALLOWED ON SANDY POINT BEACH

To keep Sandy Point Beach clean, safe, and enjoyable for all, dogs are not permitted on the beach (leashed or not). This does not apply to service dogs.

Dogs are still welcome on nearby trails, green spaces, and in the parking lot. Please pick up after your pets.



Understanding Alberta's fire ratings: What they mean and what's allowed

As Alberta heads into wildfire season, it's important to understand the different fire risk levels and what they mean for residents. To keep communities safe and protect natural areas, Lacombe County follows Alberta's standard fire rating system: **Fire Advisory, Fire Restriction, and Fire Ban.**

Since the start of May, Lacombe County has already gone from a Fire Advisory (May 1) to a Fire Restriction (May 6), with close watch on the fire hazard conditions. This quick shift is a strong reminder of how rapidly wildfire conditions can change, especially with dry weather, strong winds, and limited moisture.

Because fire ratings can escalate quickly, it's essential to stay informed and understand what each level means. Here's a breakdown of what each level means, and what is and isn't allowed:

Fire Advisory

Issued when conditions are dry and the risk of wildfire is increasing.

Allowed:

- Burns under 500 cubic feet, as per conditions of the fire permit.
- Recreation fires*
- Portable propane fire pits
- Gas or propane stoves and barbecues
- Catalytic or infrared-style heaters

Not Allowed:

- Large-scale burns (greater than 500 cubic feet)
- Fireworks

Reminder: Always monitor your fire, keep water nearby, and fully extinguish flames before leaving.

Fire Restriction

Issued when fire hazard conditions are serious. For example, if specific conditions change (ie. Wind, limited moisture, etc.).

Allowed:

- Recreation fires*
- Portable propane fire pits
- Gas or propane stoves and barbecues
- Catalytic or infrared-style heaters

Not Allowed:

- Existing fire permits are cancelled, and NO new permits will be issued
- Burning of brush piles, debris, or windrows
- Fires on public lands, including random camping and back country areas
- Fireworks

Fire Ban

Issued when the fire risk is extreme and fire fighting resources are limited.

Allowed:

- Propane/natural gas-powered appliances with an on/off switch

Not Allowed:

- All open fires, including recreational fire pits and campfires
- Fireworks
- All burn permits are cancelled

Stay Informed

Fire ratings can change quickly. Before you burn, camp or plan a campfire:

- Visit www.albertafirebans.ca for province-wide updates
- Check www.lacombecounty.com or follow Lacombe County on social media for local updates

Staying fire-safe is a shared responsibility. Thanks for doing your part to protect Lacombe County.

To report wildfires, call 310-FIRE (3473).

*Recreation fires include those in campgrounds, private lands, and backyards. Fires must be contained within a metal, brick, or rock fire ring and comply with Lacombe County's Fire Bylaw.

- Minimum 3.3 metres (10 feet) clearance from buildings, property lines and combustible materials is maintained;
- Only wood, charcoal, or briquettes, manufactured fire logs, fireplace pellets, propane or natural gas is used;
- Placement on a rock, gravel, sand, or other non-combustible surface extending at least one metre around the fire;
- A responsible person must attend the fire at all times and ensure it is extinguished before leaving;
- Adequate water must be available on site to fully extinguish the fire.

FIRE HAZARD INDEX	NO CONDITIONS	FIRE ADVISORY IN EFFECT	FIRE RESTRICTION IN EFFECT	FIRE BAN IN EFFECT
Open Burning (permit required)	✓	Limited	✗	✗
Burn Barrels	✓	Limited	✓	✗
Residential Fire Pits with a Screen	✓	✓	✓	✗
Charcoal Briquette Barbecue	✓	✓	✓	✗
Propane / Natural Gas Barbecue	✓	✓	✓	✓
Propane / Natural Gas Firepit	✓	✓	✓	✓
Propane / Natural Gas-powered Appliances	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smudge Fires (in barrel)	✓	✓	✓	✗
Wood Pellet Barbecue / Smoker without an On / Off Switch	✓	✓	✓	✗
Wood Pellet Barbecue / Smoker with an On / Off Switch	✓	✓	✓	✓
Safe Wood Campfires on Public Lands	✓	✓	✗	✗
Open Flame Oil Devices (tiki torches)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indoor Wood Fire	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fireworks	✗	No fireworks permits issued once an Fire Advisory is in effect.		
Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV)	✗	Use caution while operating Off-Road Vehicles or farm equipment, as hot exhaustpipes pose a firehazard.		
Improperly Discarded Smoker's Materials	✗	Discarded cigarettes are one of the leading causes of preventable fires in our municipality. Use caution when disposing of cigarette butts, as they can easily light dried brush and grass. Even a small gust of wind can sustain and carry embers from a discarded cigarette, causing fires to spread rapidly.		

✓ Allowed/Permitted activity ✗ Not Allowed / Not Permitted activity

Understanding Your 2026 Property Tax Payments: A Guide for Lacombe County Taxpayers

As Lacombe County prepares for its annual property tax assessment and collection process, we want to help taxpayers feel informed and ready for the upcoming deadlines. Our goal is to provide clear information so residents and business owners can navigate the process with confidence.

Here's everything you need to know about the 2026 property tax cycle.

PROPERTY TAX NOTICES DISPATCHED

Lacombe County will send out 2026 Assessment and Tax Notices in early May. These notices let you know the property tax due for the current year, so watch your mail for this important information.

HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR NOTICE?

If you have not received your tax notice by the end of June, please contact Lacombe County. Reaching out promptly can help ensure you have the information you need and avoid payment deadline issues.

Please make sure you have received your property assessment and tax notice.

UPDATING YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

Please ensure Lacombe County has your current mailing address. Keeping your address up to date helps you receive your tax notice and other important County communications.

It is also helpful to make sure the Alberta Land Titles Office has your correct mailing address so you continue to receive important property-related mail.

Having your mailing address up to date helps ensure you receive your tax notice, other important County communications, and mail from the Alberta Land Titles Office.

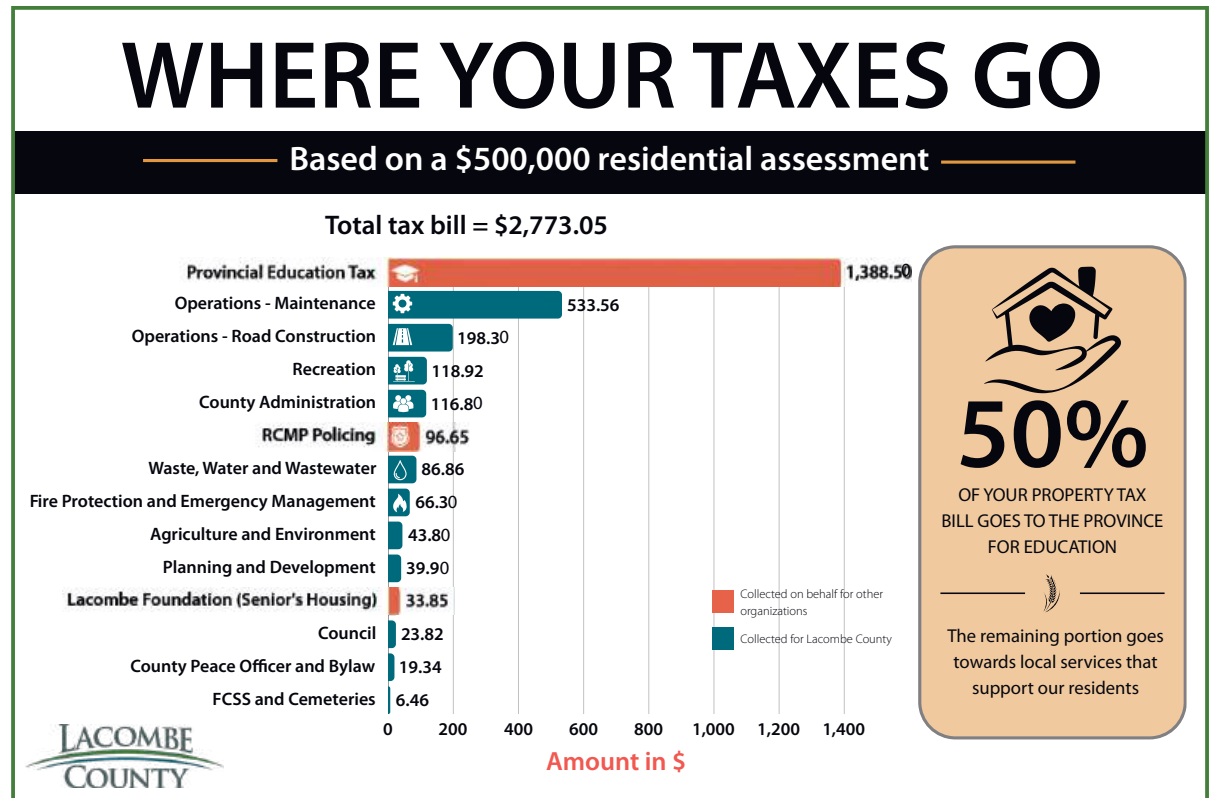
If your address has changed, please let us know as soon as you can by contacting:

- Lacombe County at 403-782-6601 or emailing info@lacombecounty.com.
- Alberta Land Titles changes can be found at https://servicealberta.ca/pdf/ltmanual/CHANGE_OF_ADDRESS.pdf

ASSESSMENT COMPLAINT PROCESS

If you have questions about your property assessment or believe there may be an error, you can use the formal complaint process. The deadline for filing a complaint will be listed on your notice, so be sure to review it carefully if you would like to submit one.

Detailed instructions for lodging a complaint are available on our website (<https://www.lacombe->



[county.com/en/living-here/assessment.aspx](https://www.lacombe-county.com/en/living-here/assessment.aspx)) and at our office.

PAYMENT DEADLINES AND OPTIONS

All tax payments are due no later than August 31, 2026. Lacombe County offers several convenient payment options to help make the process as easy as possible.

- By Mail:** Send your payment to Lacombe County, RR3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3. Ensure your mail is postmarked by Canada Post no later than August 31 to avoid penalties.
- In Person:** Visit our County Office at 40403 RGE RD 274, Lacombe County, AB, during office hours. Additionally, a secure envelope mailbox is available at the road entrance for non-cash payments.
- Electronically:** Payments can be made via internet banking or, for businesses, EFT. Ensure funds are sent several days before the deadline to ensure the funds are received in the County's bank account by the deadline.
- By Credit Card:** Use OptionPay via our website, www.lacombecounty.com. Note that this service incurs a fee, which does not go to Lacombe County.
- Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP):** Enroll in TIPP for monthly payments instead of a single annual payment. Enrollment forms are available at our office and online.

LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES

Paying by the August 31 deadline is the best way to avoid late-payment penalties.

- Haven't received your assessment or tax notice? Please contact us and we'll be happy to help.
- Notice something on your assessment that doesn't look right? Please get in touch so we can guide you through the next steps.
- Once you receive your assessment and tax notice, planning your payment early can help you avoid late fees.
- If you prefer to spread your payments out over the year, the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) may be a helpful option.

Payments received after the August 31 deadline are subject to a 6% penalty on September 1 for any outstanding taxes. An additional 10% penalty is applied on December 1 for taxes that remain unpaid after November 30.

These penalties do not apply to taxpayers enrolled in TIPP.

WHY STAY INFORMED?

Property taxes are a significant aspect of municipal finance, directly affecting the quality of services and infrastructure in Lacombe County. By staying informed and meeting your tax obligations on time, you contribute to the continued development and maintenance of our community.

If you have questions, need assistance, or would like to update your information, please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-6601. We're here to help make the process as straightforward as possible.

SAFETY FIRST



FIRE PITS:

THE DO'S AND DON'TS FOR SAFE BURNING
IN LACOMBE COUNTY



1. Ensure your fire pit/BBQ is constructed of bricks, concrete block or heavy gauge metal (or other suitable non-combustible material).
2. Be at least 3.3 metres (10 feet) away from buildings, property lines or other materials that could catch fire.
3. Supervise your fire at all times until it is entirely extinguished (this includes hot ashes and smouldering embers)
4. Use proper fuel such as wood, charcoal, manufactured fire logs, fireplace pellets, propane or natural gas.
5. Watch our website or social media pages for fire bans.
6. Keep a pail of water nearby, and use it to extinguish the fire.
7. Be a kind neighbour - ensure your smoke is going UP and not blowing into someone's property

Questions? Call 403-782-8959 and speak with the County Fire Chief



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Summer & water safety to remember all season long

As we kickoff the summer fun in Alberta, Lacombe County is reminding residents and visitors to stay safe while enjoying all that our beautiful region has to offer. Whether you're hitting the road, heading to the lake, or exploring the outdoors, a few simple precautions can make all the difference.

Road Safety: Share the Road

- Expect more vehicles on highways and rural roads this weekend. Please: Slow down and drive with caution, especially on gravel roads and near intersections.
- Watch for farm equipment and slow-moving vehicles—give them plenty of space to maneuver.
- Be alert for cyclists, pedestrians, and recreational vehicles like ATVs and golf carts, especially in hamlets and lake communities.

Campfire Safety

- Planning a backyard fire or a weekend of camping? Always:
- Check for fire advisories or bans at www.albertafirebans.ca.

- Keep your fire small, attended, and fully extinguish it with water—not just soil—before leaving
- Use approved fire pits or fire rings when possible, and keep a shovel or bucket of water nearby.

Lake & Water Safety

Whether boating, kayaking, or swimming, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Wear a life jacket—it's one of the easiest ways to prevent drowning.
- Don't drink and boat. Alcohol use is a leading factor in water-related incidents.
- Watch children closely and never leave them unattended near water, even shallow areas.
- Consider wearing brightly coloured swim suits, especially in lakes (see image right).

Camping & Outdoor Recreation

- Pack a first aid kit and be aware of your location in case of emergency.
- Store food securely to avoid attracting wildlife.

- Leave no trace—pack out what you pack in and respect natural spaces.

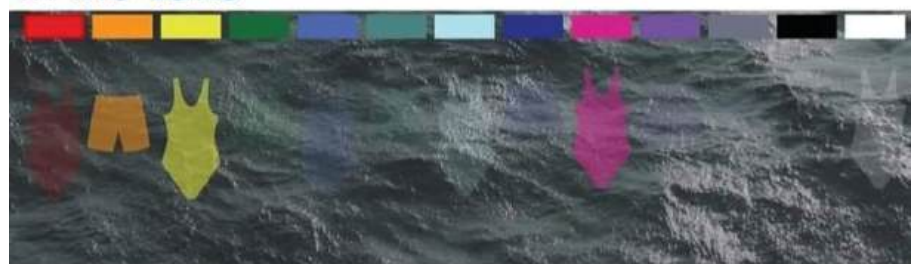
Protecting Kids & Pets

- Apply sunscreen and bug spray regularly.
- Keep pets cool and hydrated, and never leave them in parked vehicles.
- Talk to kids about outdoor

safety, especially near water and wildlife.

As we welcome the warmer weather, let's all do our part to make this summer safe and enjoyable. Have a wonderful and safe May Long Weekend from all of us at Lacombe County!

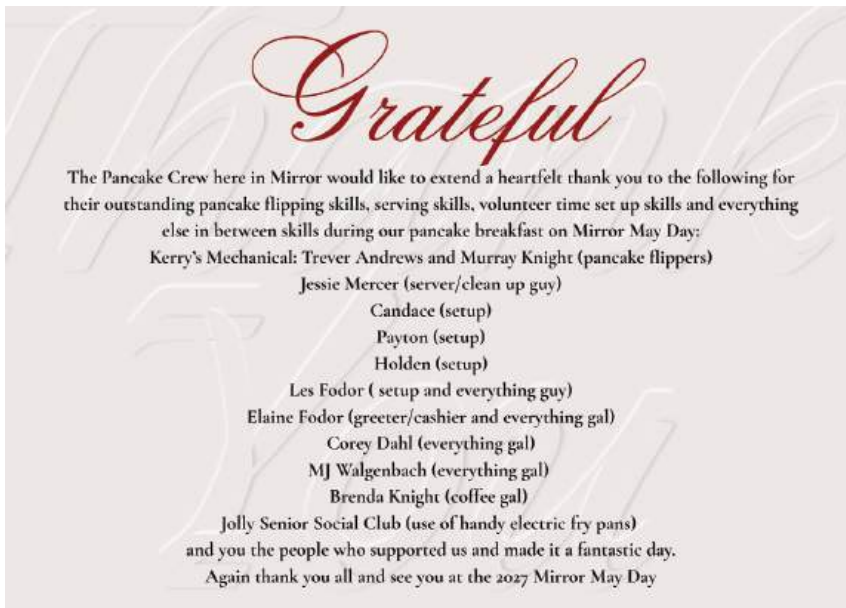
In the Lake



In the Pool



MIRROR CORNER



Mirror Dog Tags

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

Lifetime license fees:

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

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

To order your new tag or view full bylaw details, visit lacombecounty.com/dogcontrol or call 403-782-8959.

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

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

Jolly Seniors

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

Booking Mirror Community Hall

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

Mirror and District Museum

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

Friends of the Mirror Library Society/Mirror Library

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

Hours: Wednesday 1-5 PM

2nd & 4th Saturday 11 AM - 3 PM

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

Mirror Royal Canadian Legion Branch 189 - 5015 50th Avenue

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

CN Rail crossing delays

If you experience delays longer than 20 minutes at the Mirror rail yard crossing, call CN Rail at 1-888-888-5909 or email contact@cn.ca. 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.

Infrastructure improvements coming to Mirror this summer

Residents of the Hamlet of Mirror will see significant infrastructure work taking place beginning later this month, as Lacombe County undertakes several upgrades and repairs to the community's water and sewer systems.

Work is scheduled to begin June 22, 2026, and includes sanitary sewer repairs, water system upgrades, and ongoing infrastructure assessments. This work is part of the County's continued investment in maintaining reliable services and supporting future development in Mirror.

Key Project: Main Street Valve Replacement (Map Point A)

A major component of the project will be the replacement of a main line water valve on Main Street (5120 50 Avenue).

This work will have the most noticeable impact on the community, as it will:

- Require a **temporary shutdown of water service** to portions of Mirror
- Result in **traffic detours along Main Street**
- Involve excavation and full replacement of the existing valve

Residents and businesses affected by this work will receive advance notice prior to any shutdowns.

Additional Work Across the Community

Other work scheduled includes:

- Sewer repairs at two locations within the hamlet (**Map Points B, C**)
- Installation of new water shut-offs along Main



Street (Map Point D)

- Repairs to hydrant valves and residential service connections (**Various Locations**)
- Replacement of the Mirror Library's water service line (**Map Point E**)
- Hydrant flushing and flow testing to collect data for long-term planning
- Residential water service inspections through June and July

These efforts support the second phase of a broader infrastructure project, helping guide future residential, commercial, and industrial development in Mirror.

What Residents Can Expect

While every effort will be made to minimize disruption, residents should be aware that:

- Timelines may shift due to weather conditions
- Traffic detours will be in place in active work zones
- Water service interruptions may occur in select areas

In some cases, if water services are found to require repair during inspections, there may be unexpected or short-notice work at locations identified the same day. If these repairs require a water shutoff, affected residents will be notified.

Anyone impacted by water disruptions will be notified in advance through:

- Door-to-door visits
- Hand-delivered notices

Commitment to Safety and Quality

Following any work that impacts the water system, Lacombe County and its contractors will ensure all lines are properly treated and tested. This includes chlorination, flushing, and bacteriological testing to meet provincial health and safety standards.

Residents are encouraged to use caution around construction zones and follow posted signage.

If you have any questions, please contact Manager of Utility Services Darren Dempsey by email at ddempsey@lacombecounty.com or phone 403-782-8959, or contact Grayson Excavation Ltd. at 403-782-1821.

OPERATIONS

Don't get left in the dust!

If you missed the May 15, 2026 deadline, don't worry! You can still get a fall application for Dust Control. If you are interested in having Calcium Chloride in front of your residence or place of business, please contact Ivy at the County shop at 403-782-3567.



Ratepayer's 2026 cost-shared rate for one application is \$1.80 per lineal metre, to a maximum of 200 metres. **If you require more than 200 metres**, the additional will NOT be cost shared.

Please contact us if you would like to get on the list for fall applications **before August 7, 2026**.

****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 Ivy at 403-782-3567, Cassandra at 403-782-8379 or email operations@lacombecounty.com

CONSTRUCTION SEASON REMINDER

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

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

NOTICE: Provincial Highway Construction (Summer 2026)

Lacombe County residents are advised that Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors (TEC) will be completing pavement overlay (resurfacing) work on several provincial highways within the County boundaries.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Start Date: June 10, 2026

Completion Date: July 31, 2026

LOCATIONS AFFECTED

Work will take place on the following highway segments:

- **Highway 821:** Approximately 6 km south of Highway 605 north to Highway 605
- **Highway 21:** Between Highways 11 and 12
- **Highway 815:** From Highway 11 north to Highway 597
- **Highway 11:** From Highway 815 west toward the Haynes/Highway 921 area

NATURE OF WORK

Construction activities will include:

- Pavement milling and resurfacing (overlay)
- Line painting and finishing work

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Motorists should expect:

- Reduced speed limits in work zones
- Single-lane alternating traffic controlled by flag crews
- Minor delays (typically under 30 minutes)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Plan ahead and allow extra travel time
- Follow all posted signage and directions from traffic control personnel
- Drive cautiously through construction zones for the safety of workers and other motorists

For updates on highway conditions and construction, visit 511 Alberta or check local municipal channels.



DO YOU HAVE GRAVEL?

To ensure we have a reliable supply of gravel to maintain our County roads, Lacombe County is always on the lookout for new gravel sources. Gravel is an important, non-renewable resource necessary for construction and maintenance of roads.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK I HAVE GRAVEL ON MY LAND?

If you think you have gravel on your property, and you wish to investigate further, please contact the County office at 403-782-8379 and speak with the Operations Department. County staff will come out to meet with you and arrange for testing. While the testing involves digging a test hole or holes, it is done in the least invasive way practical.

There is no obligation on the part of the Land Owner if suitable gravel is found. The County will discuss options and work with the land owner on a possible agreement for access and use of the land.

IS THE GROUND ROCKY?	ARE THERE GRAVEL PITS NEARBY?	DO YOU HAVE LOW LYING PROPERTY?
DO YOU HAVE A CREEK/RIVER BED ON YOUR PROPERTY?	HAVE YOU FOUND ROCKS DURING EXCAVATION WORK?	

WWW.LACOMBECOUNTY.COM — TWITTER @LACOMBECOUNTY — 403.782.8379

PAID PARKING

Information for Lacombe County ratepayers

Register TODAY for Paid Parking. Paid Parking Program starts May 15!

Lacombe County ratepayers can register up to three (3) vehicles for free parking at Sandy Point Beach, and Sunbreaker Cove and Sandy Point boat launches.

Parking enforcement is based on LICENSE PLATES, so you must add your vehicle(s) to your account. Each vehicle must be added to an approved permit to be recognized.

1 Step 1: Visit the Hot Spot Website

Go to hotspotparking.com/users/login

- **Already have a HotSpot account?** Login and continue to Step 2.
- **New to the system?** Create an account, login, and continue to Step 2.

2 Step 2: Add your vehicles

- Click the **'Vehicles'** tab on the left
- **Enter** your vehicle's details and click **'Save'**
- **Repeat** for up to three (3) vehicles. *You should be able to see all your vehicles below 'Add new vehicle'*

3 Step 3: Add Permits

- Click on **'Permits'** and then **'Special Permits'**
 - Select **Lacombe County** under 'Municipality'
- Upload a picture of your Tax Notice as **'Proof of Ownership'**
- Upload a picture of your Driver's License as **'Proof of Address'**
- Under **'Vehicle'**, select a vehicle to activate on that permit
 - Continue the same process for second and third vehicles.
- Check the box to agree and click **'Continue'**

4 Step 4: Add your vehicles to your permits

- Go to **'My Permits'** and add your license plates into each permit
- Only one (1) plate per permit is active for free parking

IMPORTANT NOTES

Registration opens April 15th, 2026 via Hotspot: www.hotspotparking.com.

Permits are issued by Roll Number

- Each property tax account will be eligible to register three (3) license plates.
- **Required for approval:**
 - upload a copy of your Tax Notice and Driver's License during registration.
- Only Lacombe County property owners (ratepayers) are eligible.

It takes approximately **24 hours** to have your permit approved

QUESTIONS?

SCAN ME



Is your permit taking longer than 24 hours?

CONTACT HOTSPOT DIRECT:

Toll Free Phone:

1.855.712.5888

Hours of Operation:

5:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday - Friday

www.lacombecounty.com/paidparking

Change of Command Ceremony at Eckville Fire Department

The Eckville Fire Department marked an important leadership transition this month during a Command Ceremony, officially recognizing District Fire Chief John Philips and honouring the retirement of longtime Chief Stuart Carde. Chief Carde's career with the department spanned more than two decades, beginning in 2003. He steadily rose through the ranks—from firefighter to Captain, Deputy Chief, and ultimately District Fire Chief in 2012. Throughout his tenure, he was a strong advocate for professionalism and training, helping shape a highly skilled and respected department. In addition to his fire service, Carde also served the community as a councillor for the Town of Eckville. He retired in December 2025, leaving behind a lasting legacy of leadership and dedication.

Chief Philips brings that same commitment to service into his new role. Since joining the department in 2014, he has demonstrated a passion for firefighting and a strong focus on training and mentorship. He quickly stepped into a leadership role, assisting with training early in his career and was promoted to Lieutenant and Training Officer within two years. He later advanced to Deputy Chief, continuing to build his experience and leadership capacity. Appointed District Fire Chief on January 1, 2026, Philips looks forward to building on the strong foundation established before him while continuing to support the growth and readiness of the Eckville Fire Department.



Top Photo: Lacombe County Fire Chief Dave Bain with incoming Eckville District Fire Chief John Philips

Middle Photo: Piper Tyler Wallace

Bottom Photo: Bentley Fire Chief Ian McLaren, Lacombe County Fire Chief Dave Bain, former Eckville Fire Chief Stu Carde, and new Eckville Fire Chief John Philips.

ENVIRONMENT

The Life & Times of the GULL LAKE WATERSHED

"The Life and Times" takes you on a journey through the evolving Gull Lake watershed, blending rich history, historical imagery, and today's environmental realities. Discover how the land, wildlife, and water have changed over time—and what those changes mean for the lake's health now.



- JUNE 24, 2026**
- PRESENTATION STARTS AT 7:00PM**
Doors open at 6:30PM
- LOCATION**
SUMMER VILLAGE OF GULL LAKE COMMUNITY HALL



TO REGISTER:
FREE to attend. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided.
To register, call Jordan at 403-782-8959, scan the QR code (left) or visit the Eventbrite page at: <https://GullLake2026.eventbrite.ca>.

LACOMBE COUNTY RESERVE LAND SOME SIMPLE RULES



We want everyone to enjoy our County reserve lands while keeping them beautiful and safe. By adhering to these rules, we can help preserve the natural beauty of our County lands and ensure that everyone can enjoy them responsibly. Here are some easy rules to remember:

1. PROTECT THE PLANTS

Do not cut, mow or remove plants, trees, or any other vegetation.



2. NO BUILDING ALLOWED

You're not allowed to construct or place any structures.



3. STICK TO THE DESIGNATED PATHS

Keep OHVs on designated trails.



4. LEAVE NATURE ALONE

Don't dig or take away natural features from the land.



5. NO SIGNS OR ADS

Do not attach signs, advertisements, or anything else to trees, fences, or buildings.



6. SHOW RESPECT FOR SIGNS & STRUCTURES

Don't tamper with or damage County signs, buildings, or other improvements.



7. KEEP THE AREA CLEAN

Do not dispose of landscaping materials, yard clippings, waste, building materials, topsoil, sand, or rocks on these lands.



8. RESPONSIBLE CHEMICAL USE

Do not discard hazardous materials or use pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers on the land.



9. RESPONSIBLE WASTE DISPOSAL

Pack out any waste you pack in or utilize designated waste bins.



10. NO CAMPING ALLOWED

Camping is only allowed in areas where signage permits it. Always follow the posted rules and conditions for those areas.



11. THESE ARE PUBLIC LANDS

Remember, these are public lands. Do not restrict access to others.



NOTICE: Eckville Flood Study

The Eckville Flood Study will assess and identify flood hazards along 18 km of the Medicine River and 7 km of Lasthill Creek through Eckville, Lacombe County, and Red Deer County.

The study began in spring 2026 and technical work is expected to be complete by spring 2027. Work on all components is in early stages, with on-the-ground surveys expected to begin soon.

We recognize there is tremendous interest in new flood mapping. Our study finalization process includes municipal review and public engagement components. Our goal is to provide useful tools to communities and the public as soon as possible.

The study is being completed under the provincial Flood Hazard Identification Program, the goals of which include enhancement of public safety and reduction of future flood damages through the identification of river and flood hazards. The provincial study is being co-funded through the federal Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program.

More information about the Alberta Flood Hazard Identification Program can be found at:

- www.floodhazard.alberta.ca

If you have any questions regarding this work, we can be contacted by email: epa.flood@gov.ab.ca.

Project background and study progress

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The main study components outlined below include new hydraulic modelling and flood mapping, but all deliverables support local emergency response and land-use planning needs.

- **Survey and base data collection – Early stages**
Hydraulic models and flood maps require high-accuracy base data. Field surveys and LiDAR remote sensing are used to collect river and floodplain elevations, channel cross section data, bridge and culvert information, and dedicated flood control structure details.
- **Hydrology assessment – Early stages**
The hydrology assessment estimates flows for a wide range of possible floods along the Medicine River and Lasthill Creek, including the 1:2, 1:5, 1:10, 1:20, 1:35, 1:50, 1:75, 1:100, 1:200, 1:350, 1:500, 1:750, and 1:1000 floods.
- **Hydraulic river modelling – Early stages**
A new hydraulic computer model of the river system will be created using new survey data and modern tools. The model will be calibrated using surveyed highwater marks from past floods to ensure that results for different floods are reasonable.
- **Flood inundation mapping – Early stages**
Flood maps for thirteen different sized floods, based on the hydraulic model results and the hydrology assessment, will be produced. Flood inundation maps can be used for emergency response planning and to inform local infrastructure design. These maps identify areas of direct flooding and areas that could be flooded if local berms fail.
- **Flood hazard mapping – Early stages**
Flood hazard mapping divides the 1:100 floodplain into floodway and flood fringe zones and sub-zones, to identify where flooding is deepest and most destructive, reflect the protection provided by flood berms, and provide more information about a wider range of flood hazards. These maps can be used to help guide long-term development planning.

AGRICULTURE

International Nuffield Scholars explore sustainability in Lacombe County



On Friday, June 5, 11 International Nuffield Scholars toured Central Alberta as part of their Global Focus Program tour. Representing countries including Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea, the United States, Africa, the Netherlands, Chile, and Brazil, the group is participating in a prestigious global initiative that connects agricultural leaders and promotes cross-border innovation. During their time in Alberta, the scholars focused on sustainability and regenerative agriculture, gaining firsthand insight into local practices and initiatives.

Their visit began at the Ellis Nature Centre, where they received an overview of the site's rich agricultural history and its transition into a hub for environmental education and conservation. The centre also highlighted its ongoing research and stewardship efforts. One scholar took particular interest in the bird species found at the centre, noting that some migrate as far as Brazil during the winter months—an example of the global connections within local ecosystems.

The group then travelled to an Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) project at the Ellis Nature Centre, which is focused on Adaptive Multi-Paddock (AMP) grazing. This project, a priority for ALUS, demonstrated the benefits of regenerative grazing practices. After three years of AMP grazing, the pasture has shown significant improvement in health and productivity, offering a practical example of how sustainable management practices can enhance both environmental and agricultural outcomes.



Livia Padilha from Brazil (yellow jacket) at the AMP Grazing project.

The day concluded with a presentation by Julie Sharp of the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef. Sharp spoke about the organization's efforts to advance sustainability within the Canadian beef sector, sharing insights into current projects and initiatives aimed at supporting producers while improving environmental performance.

The scholars' visit to Lacombe County is part of the Global Focus Program, a five-week international study tour that exposes participants to agricultural systems, business practices, and policy environments around the world. Through visits to countries including Indonesia, Ireland, Belgium, Germany, Canada, and Mexico, the program encourages collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and the development of global perspectives on agriculture.

The stop in Lacombe County provided a valuable opportunity to showcase local leadership in sustainability and to connect with a global network of agricultural innovators.

FOR RENT Pasture Sprayers

Lacombe County Agriculture Services Has Pasture Sprayers for County Residents to Rent



RENTAL RATE - \$50.00/DAY

DEPOSIT - \$200.00 (deposit refundable when sprayer returned in good condition)

- ❖ Pull type - 400 gallon water capacity, 20 gallon/acre coverage
- ❖ Designed for spraying range and pasture in rough terrain
- ❖ Has additional hand gun system and fence line spraying nozzle
- ❖ Simple to operate
- ❖ Can be pulled by trucks OR tractors

ATTENTION COUNTY RESIDENTS: MOWING PROGRAM

Please be mindful of what is left in the county ditches and move debris completely away or into the fence line. This will help prevent damage to the mowing equipment.

THESE ITEMS COULD INCLUDE:

- ✔ Fence Wire
- ✔ Telephone Wire
- ✔ Large Rocks
- ✔ Posts
- ✔ Any material that may cause damage

THANK YOU!

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LACOMBE COUNTY

MFL Bison Ranch Field Day highlights grazing management for livestock producers

Producers, land managers, and anyone interested in profitable and resilient grazing systems are invited to attend a field day at MFL Bison Ranch in Lacombe County on Saturday, June 27. The event is being hosted in partnership with the Central Alberta Forage and Livestock Association (CAFLA) and the Bison Producers of Alberta.

MFL Bison Ranch is a family-operated bison enterprise that has embraced adaptive grazing practices to improve both land stewardship and operational efficiency. The ranch offers a practical, working example of how grazing management can support healthy grasslands while maintaining a productive livestock business.

While the event is held on a bison operation, the grazing principles and management strategies discussed throughout the day apply broadly to a range of livestock enterprises, including beef cattle, sheep, and other grazing animals.

Featured speaker Tom Krawiec, author of *Ranching Like a 12-Year-Old*, will share lessons from decades of experience in custom grazing, ranch management, and holistic livestock care. Krawiec will discuss how producers can identify the optimal grazing window—often referred to as the grazing “sweet spot”—to maximize forage quality, improve plant recovery, and increase

profitability per acre. He will also explore the historical decline of North America’s bison populations and the role grazing animals play in maintaining healthy grassland ecosystems.

The field day will showcase MFL Bison Ranch’s adaptive multi-paddock grazing system. This approach involves moving livestock through a series of paddocks based on forage conditions, plant recovery, and weather patterns rather than following a fixed schedule. By carefully managing grazing pressure and recovery periods, producers can improve forage production, distribute nutrients more evenly across the landscape, enhance soil health, and increase the resilience of their operations.

The afternoon will feature a live bison paddock move and guided field walk, providing participants with an opportunity to observe grazing management in action. Discussions will focus on infrastructure design, water and mineral placement, soil health, forage utilization, and practical indicators for grazing timing, along with other producer-driven topics.

CAFLA is a producer-led, non-profit organization that supports forage and livestock producers across Central Alberta through extension programming, applied research, demonstrations,

and educational events. The organization connects producers with practical knowledge and tools that strengthen the long-term sustainability of Alberta agriculture.

The Bison Producers of Alberta is the provincial non-profit organization representing Alberta’s bison industry. Through advocacy, education, research, and industry development initiatives, the association supports producers, encourages and educates new entrants, and promotes the continued growth of one of Alberta’s unique livestock sectors.

Together, the three organizations are providing an opportunity for producers to learn from practical experience, exchange ideas with fellow ranchers, and explore grazing strategies that can improve both farm profitability and landscape health.

Lunch will feature locally raised bison smokies provided by Big Bend Market in Red Deer and Big Bend Bison Ranch.

The field day runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 27. Registration is \$55 per person and includes lunch. For more information or to register, visit www.cafla-ab.ca.

Join Us!

Alberta Crop
Diagnostic Days at
Western Crop Innovations
FIELD DAY
Lacombe, AB | July 28

\$20

For more info & to register, visit:
westerncropinnovations.com/fieldday

Lunch & refreshments included with registration!

CENTRAL ALBERTA FORAGAE AND LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION AND BISON PRODUCERS OF ALBERTA PRESENT

**MFL BISON RANCH
FIELD DAY**
JUNE 27, 2026 8:30 AM-5 PM

Join us in Lacombe County for an exclusive opportunity to visit MFL Bison Ranch for a field day featuring presentations by Tom Krawiec.

TOM KRAWIEC

Tom brings decades of experience in custom grazing, ranch management, and holistic livestock care. Tom will cover the “sweet spot” in grazing to unlock maximum nutritional and regrowth value, increasing gross margin per acre. He will also dive into the history of bison population decline. The field walk will dive into the economic value of managed grazing including reducing overheads and more.

REGISTER NOW

Agenda includes:

- Sweet Spot Grazing - Tom Krawiec
- Revisiting the Bison Population Decline - Tom Krawiec
- Bison herd move demo
- Field walk and grazing infrastructure discussion
- Q & A opportunities and peer-to-peer learning

\$55
PER PERSON
LUNCH INCLUDED

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PLANNING SERVICES

Frequently Asked Questions | Data Centre & Natural Gas Power Generation Projects

As interest in artificial intelligence (AI), cloud computing, and large-scale digital infrastructure grows, municipalities across Alberta are receiving inquiries about data centres and associated natural gas power generation facilities. This page is intended to help residents, landowners, and potential developers understand the Lacombe County municipal process, the role of the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), and how these projects are reviewed.

WHAT IS A DATA CENTRE?

A data centre is a facility that houses computer servers and related infrastructure used for cloud computing, AI processing, internet services, and digital storage.

Modern data centres can vary significantly in size, from small regional facilities to large campuses requiring substantial electrical power, cooling systems, and utility servicing.

Lacombe County's Land Use Bylaw defines a 'Data Processing Centre' as:

"a building, dedicated space within a building, or a group of buildings used to house computer systems and associated infrastructure and components for the digital transactions required for processing data. This includes, but is not limited to cryptocurrency, digital currency processing, non-fungible tokens, and blockchain transactions."

WHAT IS A NATURAL GAS POWER PLANT?

A natural gas power plant is a place that makes electricity by burning natural gas. When natural gas is burned it creates heat, which moves air through a turbine, which is connected to a generator, and makes electricity.

Lacombe County's Land Use Bylaw includes a natural gas power plant in the definition of 'Industrial, Heavy Manufacturing and Processing' as follows:

"a large-scale industrial manufacturing or processing activity. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, heavy manufacturing and processing industry would include plants for the manufacture of petroleum products, pulp and paper products, stone, clay and glass products, cement and lime products, fertilizers, animal by-products; plants engaged in the primary metal industry, including metal processing; the processing of natural gas or its derivatives; power generating stations (other than a commercial alternative energy system); and incinerators, including those for municipal and industrial use. Heavy industrial uses may have some negative effect on the safety, use, amenity and enjoyment of adjacent or nearby sites due to appearance, noise, odour, emission of contaminants, fire or explosive hazards, or dangerous goods."

WHY ARE DATA CENTRES BEING DEVELOPED IN ALBERTA?

The Government of Alberta is actively supporting digital infrastructure as part of a broader economic diversification and technology strategy. This includes attracting data centres to Alberta due to factors such as power availability, climate, and a business-friendly regulatory environment. More information on the Government of Alberta's Data Centre Strategy can be found online.

WHY ARE NATURAL GAS POWER PLANTS BEING PROPOSED ALONGSIDE DATA CENTRES?

Large AI and cloud-computing data centres require substantial and reliable electricity supply. In some cases, developers may propose a dedicated natural gas-fired power generation facility to supply electricity directly to the data centre, support grid reliability, provide backup or redundant power, or reduce dependence on existing transmission capacity.

Some projects may also involve substations, transmission infrastructure, water servicing, pipelines, or carbon capture systems.

WHO REGULATES THESE PROJECTS?

These projects involve approvals from multiple levels of government and agencies. Approvals required are unique to the project's specifics, and are shared across jurisdictions:

- **Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)**
Power generation, transmission, and grid connections. The AUC is required to consider municipal planning and land use impacts as part of its public interest assessment. Municipalities may also participate in AUC proceedings to provide comments regarding local planning, infrastructure, and community impacts.
- **Alberta Environment and Protected Areas**
Water Approvals, Environmental Standards, & Emissions Regulations
- **Lacombe County**
Considers zoning and development permits.

WHAT DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY DOES THE COUNTY HAVE OVER NATURAL GAS POWER PLANTS OR DATA CENTRES?

For electrical generation projects such as natural gas power plants, the primary approval authority is the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC).

The AUC reviews and approves power generation facilities under provincial legislation. A municipality cannot outright prohibit a provincially approved power plant if the project receives AUC approval.

For power plants, municipal authority is more limited because the province regulates electricity generation in the "public interest," which includes

environmental, social, economic, and municipal impacts. However, municipalities still play a meaningful role through land use planning, local servicing, road use, and public input. Municipalities are invited to participate in AUC proceedings and can submit statements of concern, technical evidence, or negotiated conditions.

Data centres are different because they are usually not directly regulated by the AUC unless they include a power generation facility, a transmission connection requiring AUC approval, or certain utility infrastructure.

A standalone data centre is generally regulated primarily through municipal planning processes.

However, if a data centre includes a large natural gas generation facility to power its operations, the generation component would likely require AUC approval, while the County would still retain authority over municipal planning matters.

Typical municipal planning matters include:

- Land use bylaws and zoning (rezoning/redistricting applications)
- Development permits for portions of projects not exempted by provincial approval
- Municipal servicing requirements
- Road access, road use agreements, and transportation impacts
- Emergency services coordination
- Noise, landscaping, lighting, and site design considerations where municipal jurisdiction applies.
- Public engagement and local input into the approval process

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IF A DATA CENTRE IS PROPOSED?

If a development is proposed, it will follow required municipal processes such as development permits or rezoning amendments, alongside provincial regulatory approvals through the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC).

WILL THE PUBLIC HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK?

Yes.

Both the provincial and municipal approval processes have public notification and engagement requirements before approval is given.

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Children's Farm Safety Day 2026



What a fantastic day at the 10th Annual Lacombe County Farm Safety Day!

On Wednesday, June 10, we welcomed more than 330 Grade 5 students from 11 schools to the Lacombe County Operations Building for a full day of hands-on learning and fun focused on farm safety. Events like Farm Safety Day help ensure youth gain the knowledge and confidence they need to stay safe on farms and in rural environments.

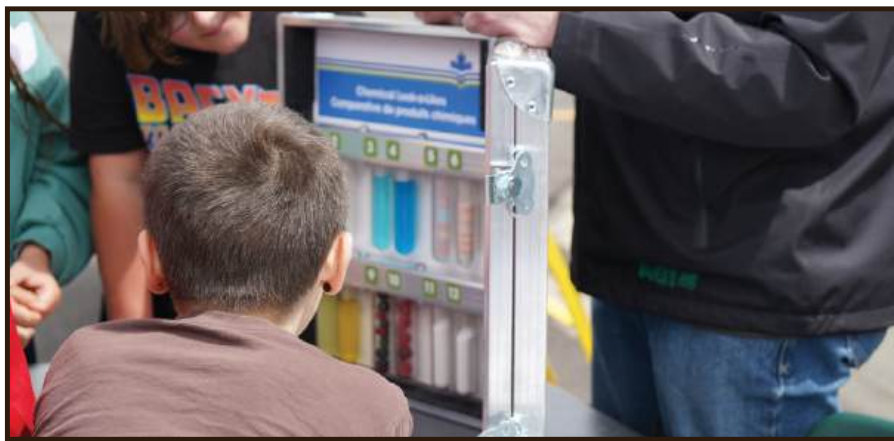
Students rotated through eight interactive safety stations, covering everything from fire safety and ATV awareness to grain handling, chemical safety, sun safety, and more. A big thank you to all our incredible presenters and partners who made these important lessons engaging and memorable!

We're also grateful to everyone who helped make the day a success — from our dedicated volunteers and County staff to our generous sponsors who continue to support this impactful event

- Advantage Insurance Group
- Central Alberta Co-op
- Pembina
- AltaGas Ltd.
- Parallax
- Borouge International (formerly Nova Chemicals)
- Stantec
- SMS Equipment
- Finning
- New West Truck Center
- Clive Seed Cleaning Plant
- DLF

Thank you to everyone who participated — we're already looking forward to next year!





LACOMBE
COUNTY

Farm Safety Day 2026

Thank you to our sponsors!



Clive Seed Cleaning Co-Op Ltd.



SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

May 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026

Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision
1	52/26	Dean & Nicole Payne	Lot 14 Block 1 Plan 074 0786 (Eagles Quay, Sylvan Lake)	Dwelling w/Attached Garage & Covered Deck	Approved
2	53/26	Bellco Ltd.	Lot 2 Block 1 Plan 252 2071 (Pt. SW 18-40-26-W4M)	Dwelling w/Attached Garage & Two Covered Deck	Approved
3	54/26	Charles Ollikainen & Theresa Poole	Unit 223 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point Resort, Gull Lake)	Shed	Approved
4	55/26	DC Crew Developments	SW 18-39-25-W4M	Addition to Dwelling Covered Porch, Deck and Attached Garage	Approved
5	56/26	Nate & Kallie Knezacek	Lot 4 Plan 922 1632 (Burbank Area)	Dwelling w/Attached Garage	Approved
6	57/26	Malex Custom Homes Ltd.	Lot 15 Block 1 Plan 074 0786 (Eagle's Quay, Sylvan Lake)	Detached Garage	Approved
7	58/26	Daryl & Cindy Dolynny	Unit 239 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point Resort, Gull Lake)	Shed & Deck	Approved
8	59/26	Bellco Ltd.	NE 31-39-03-W5M	Dwelling w/Attached Garage	Approved
9	60/26	Tristin & Rosanna Kerekes	Lot 13 Block 6 Plan 856MC (Birch Bay, Gull Lake)	Tourist Home Known as Birch & Pine	Approved
10	61/26	Todd Green	Lot 1 Plan 5015TR (Fairbrother Subdivision)	Bonanza Electric Ltd. Renewal, No Changes	Approved
11	62/26	Todd & Jessica Green	Lot 1 Plan 5015TR (Fairbrother Subdivision)	Existing barn	Approved
12	63/26	Willem van der Velde	NE 06-41-01-W5M	Dwelling (RTM) w/Addition	Approved
13	64/21	Clay Puddifant	SW 27-38-03-W5M	Outdoor Storage Business Renewal, No Changes	Approved
14	65/26	Veldhuisen Construction Ltd.	Lot 14 Block 1 Plan 172 0385 (Wilson's Beach Estates)	Dwelling with Veranda, Covered Deck & Attached Garage	Approved
15	66/26	Cody Parr	SW 13-41-01-W5M	Accessory Building Temporary	Pending
16	67/26	Bellco. Ltd.	Lot 21 Block 9 Plan 782 1589 (Hamlet of Morningside)	Attached Garage Addition	Approved
17	68/26	Sorento Custom Homes	Lot 19 Block 5 Plan 152 4826 (The Slopes, Sylvan Lake)	Dwelling with Covered Veranda, Enclosed Sunroom and Attached Garage	Approved
18	69/26	Michael Greba	Lot 1 Plan 902 2903 (NW 18-40-22-W4M)	Mobile Butcher Business Renewal, No Changes	Approved
19	70/26	Alair Homes Red Deer	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 142 5517 SW 29-38-24-W4M	Dwelling with Attached Garage, Sun Deck, Veranda and Detached Garage	Approved

Success Grows Here!

Planning Services is here to help you plan, build, and grow in Lacombe County.

Contact us if you are:

- Planning to build or develop on your property
- Starting or expanding a business
- Subdividing land
- Purchasing property and have questions
- Unsure what is allowed on your land
- Looking for planning or development information

We encourage you to contact us early in your planning process. We are here to help you navigate the process and move your project forward.

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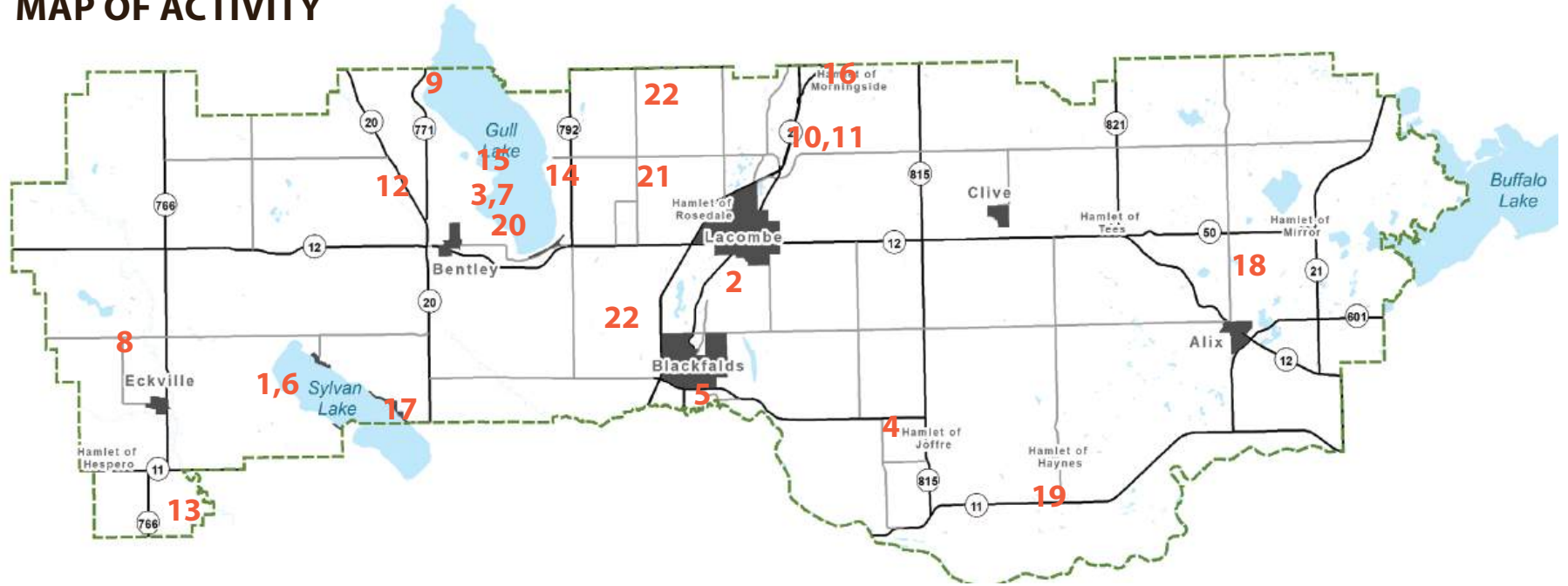
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MAP OF ACTIVITY



No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision
20	71/26	Mike & Kim Thompson	Lot 4 Plan 1970 EO (Brownlow's Landing, Gull Lake)	Setback Relaxation <i>Existing Dwelling</i>	Approved
21	72/26	Randall & Judith Laye	SE 17-41-27-W4M	Oilfield Assembly Tool Business <i>Nine Energy Canada Inc. Renewal, No Changes</i>	Approved
22	73/26	Michelle Eadie	SW 28-41-27-W4M	Recreation Facilities, Outdoor <i>Prairie Dog Sports Inc. Renewal, No Changes</i>	Approved

Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision
23	S-011-26	Gary Barnes	NW 05-40-27-W4M	1 st Parcel Out Residential	Approved

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Public engagement opportunities may include:

- Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) participant involvement programs,
- developer hosted public meetings,
- municipal public hearings,
- mail out circulations with comment periods.

The level of consultation depends on the scale and complexity of the project.

HOW ARE NEARBY RESIDENTS INFORMED OR CONSULTED?

Before applying for approval with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), developers must complete a Participant Information Program (PIP). This requires notifying nearby residents, municipalities, and other affected parties, providing project information, and responding to questions and concerns before the regulator considers an application. More information on

this process is available via the Alberta Utilities Commission's webpage.

For the municipal approval process in Lacombe County, developers are required to engage with the public during a rezoning or development permit application. During the rezoning and development permit processes for a natural gas power plant or data centre, the developer is required to host a public meeting, for people to learn more about the project and ask questions. The notice of a public meeting will be available in the County News, a local newspaper, on the County's website, as well as directly mailed to landowners within a 2-mile radius of the project.

WHERE CAN I FIND SPECIFIC PROJECTS UPDATES?

Lacombe County will share verified information through its website and official communication channels as it becomes available. Each project has unique development information, which will

be shared with the public through the public engagement processes.

Provincial regulatory processes are also publicly accessible through the Alberta Utilities Commission. For more information on how to participate in an Alberta Utilities Commission proceeding, please visit the Alberta Utilities Commission webpage.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

There are a number of provincial resources online through the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Utilities Commission.

For questions regarding municipal planning approvals, rezoning, or development permits, please contact Lacombe County's Planning Services department.

Insurance Reminder: Are You Covered for Fire Response Costs?

Spring brings increased activity across Lacombe County — busier roads, on-farm operations, and more outdoor burning. It's an ideal time to review your insurance policies and confirm that you're protected in the event of an emergency.

Under Lacombe County's Fire Protection and Emergency Response Bylaw and supporting policy F(1), residents, businesses, and vehicle owners are invoiced when the fire department responds to emergencies - including structure fires, grass or brush fires, burning barrel incidents, and motor vehicle accidents. These charges are typically covered by insurance, but only if you have the appropriate coverage before an emergency occurs.

This cost recovery model ensures that those who receive emergency services contribute directly to the fire services that protect them, rather than relying solely on property taxes. Many municipalities across Alberta charge for fire department response services.

WHY THIS MATTERS

If a fire or accident occurs, and Lacombe County Fire Services crews respond to the call, you will receive an invoice for:

- Fire department response to structure, grass, brush, or other property fires
- Motor vehicle fires or collisions
- Equipment and apparatus used during the call
- Time spent extinguishing the fire, checking for hotspots, or ensuring the scene is safe

Insurance often covers these costs, but policies vary. Contact your insurance provider to confirm that you have sufficient coverage for both your vehicle AND your home/property:

- Whether fire response fees are included

- What limits or conditions apply
- Whether both your home/property and vehicle policies include coverage

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Lacombe County staff can help clarify what types of incidents are invoiced and how cost recovery works.

EXAMPLE OF HOW INVOICING WORKS

For a typical fire where multiple units respond, the invoice may include per hour charges for:

- Engine (Fire Pumper)
- Tender (Water Tanker)
- Brush Truck
- Rescue Truck
- Command Truck (Incident Commander)

Understanding the costs behind fire and emergency services response invoices

Here is an example of how Lacombe County invoices for fire and emergency services response calls. Let us 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.

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

The fire crews responded and began extinguishing the fire. After the fire was extinguished, the crews looked for hot spots and ensured not only that the fire was out, but also that it would not rekindle, then returned to the fire hall, cleaned up the equipment and prepared it for the next call.

The invoice amount would be as follows:

Invoice Description

	Hours	Unit Rate	Amount
Engine	2	\$740.00	\$1,480.00
Tender	2	\$740.00	\$1,480.00
Brush	2	\$740.00	\$1,480.00
			TOTAL \$4,440.00

DEFINITIONS OF EQUIPMENT USED AT CALLS

RESCUE TRUCK: A specialized vehicle used primarily for rescue operations, including vehicle extrications, medical emergencies, and technical rescues. It carries little or no water but is equipped with hydraulic tools, rescue gear, lighting, ropes, airbags, and medical supplies.

ENGINE: The main firefighting apparatus designed for structure and vehicle fires, rescues, and medical calls. It typically carries 500–1,000 gallons of water, along with hoses, pumps, ladders, and essential firefighting and rescue equipment.

TENDER: A high capacity water tanker that supports firefighting efforts in rural or non hydrant areas. It usually carries 1,500–3,500+ gallons of water and equipment for rapid water transfer to other apparatus.

BRUSH TRUCK: A small, off road capable unit built for wildland and brush fires in hard to reach areas. It typically carries 200–500 gallons of water and specialized wildland gear such as hoses, hand tools, and portable pumps.

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, 2025

- If you missed the December 31 deadline, no worries; you can sign up in 2026 anytime 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
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Contact Lacombe County at (403) 782-6601 or visit www.lacombecounty.com for more details.

REMINDER: Responsible use of public spaces



LACOMBE COUNTY NOTIFICATION SERVICE

With the return of warmer weather, Lacombe County's parks, trails, beaches, and green spaces become well-used by residents and visitors alike. These public areas are shared spaces, and everyone has a role to play in keeping them clean, safe, and welcoming.

The standards for responsible public space use are supported by several County bylaws, including the Community Standards Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw, and Parks and Reserves Management Bylaw. These bylaws work together to ensure that County spaces remain enjoyable for all while also protecting the environment and the well-being of our communities.

Here are a few simple ways to help ensure everyone can enjoy these spaces:

- **Pets must be leashed and cleaned up after:** Dogs must be on a leash when in public areas such as parks, trails, or campgrounds. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up any waste left by their animals.
- **No cannabis in public places:** Smoking or vaping cannabis is not allowed in public spaces, including parks, trails, and beaches.
- **Off-highway vehicles (OHVs) are restricted:** OHVs, including ATVs and dirt bikes, may only be operated in designated areas where clearly permitted. Please follow posted signage and respect all access restrictions.
- **Equestrian use is prohibited:** Horses are not permitted in County parks or reserve lands, in order to prevent trail damage and preserve sensitive environments.
- **Discharge of firearms is not allowed:** For the safety of all users, firearms and projectile weapons may not be discharged in parks, reserves, or other public spaces.
- **Respect others when gathering:** If you're hosting a group activity in a park, beach, or public space, please be courteous. Keep music and noise to a respectful level, avoid blocking access to others, and leave the area clean.
- **Observe quiet hours:** Noise that disturbs others - such as loud music, shouting, or engine revving - is not permitted between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in public or residential areas.
- **Leave no trace:** Dispose of all garbage properly. If bins are unavailable or full, take your waste home with you to help protect wildlife and keep our parks clean for the next visitor.

By following these expectations, we can all contribute to a positive and respectful outdoor experience across Lacombe County. To learn more, or to view the full bylaws, visit www.lacombecounty.com.



**CRITICAL INCIDENT
NOTIFICATIONS**





**EVERYDAY
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Alberta's agricultural moisture update

Alberta's producers watch moisture levels closely throughout the changing seasons. Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation provides moisture system updates throughout the year. These updates include a synopsis of conditions and trends, perspectives, and various moisture-related maps.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](https://open.alberta.ca/publications/moisture-situation-update)
<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/moisture-situation-update>

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 14, 2026

INTERVENOR STATUS – LPRT ASSESSMENT COMPLAINT

Council received an overview of a designated industrial property assessment complaint filed with the Land and Property Rights Tribunal for the 2026 tax year. Council authorized the County Manager to notify the Tribunal of Lacombe County's intent to participate as an intervenor in the matter.

ECKVILLE MANOR HOUSE CHARITABLE SOCIETY FUNDING REQUEST – ACCESSIBLE VAN

Council received a funding request from the Eckville Manor House Charitable Society to assist with the purchase of a new accessible van. Council approved a \$20,000 donation toward the project.

TOWN OF ECKVILLE/LACOMBE COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Council reviewed proposed updates to the Town

of Eckville/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan. Council accepted the revised draft Plan and received the Public Meeting advertisement for information.

2026 COUNTY TOUR

Council will conduct a tour of the County on June 23 and 24, 2026. Council will provide the County Manager with a list of locations to be considered for the tour.

RC(5) RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY REVIEW

Council approved amendments to Policy RC(5) Recognition of Special Events to expand the long-time farm family recognition program to include a 125-year milestone.

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS-402) TRAINING

Council scheduled an Incident Command System

(ICS-402) training session for June 29, 2026, at the Lacombe County Administration Building.

PROPOSED ANNEXATION – RED DEER COUNTY

Council received an overview of a proposed annexation of lands within Red Deer County aimed at correcting boundary inconsistencies and improving infrastructure management. Council directed the County Manager to initiate an Intermunicipal Collaborative Framework Committee meeting with Red Deer County to discuss the proposed annexation and other intermunicipal matters.

SPARTAN DELTA CORP. PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation from Spartan Delta Corp., who provided

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 28, 2026

POLICY AG(4) COYOTE CONTROL DEVICES AND CHEMICALS

Council approved amendments to Policy AG(4), Coyote Control Devices and Chemicals (now titled Coyote Control), which guides Lacombe County's response to agricultural producers facing livestock predation challenges. The updates align the policy with new Government of Alberta requirements and include administrative revisions.

POLICY AG(2) WEED AND BRUSH CONTROL

Council approved amendments to Policy AG(2), Weed and Brush Control, which guides vegetation management on road rights-of-way and County-owned property. The updates align with recommendations from Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation identified in the 2025 Agricultural Service Board Field Visit Report.

POLICY CC(3) DUTIES OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Council approved amendments to Policy CC(3), Duties of Commissions and Boards, which outlines the tasks and responsibilities of Committees of Council. The updates align with recommendations from Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation identified in the 2025 Agricultural Service Board Field Visit Report.

ALUS PROPOSAL

Council received an overview of a funding proposal from Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Canada for \$55,000 in annual funding to support administrative costs associated with the delivery of ALUS Lacombe programming. The proposal was received for information.

LICENCE OF OCCUPATION – FENCE

ENCROACHMENT

Council reviewed a draft licence of occupation prepared for a fence encroachment on County Lands. A motion to approve the licence of occupation for the encroaching fence was defeated. Council directed the County Manager to order the removal of the fence encroachment within 30 days of notifying the property owner.

LAKEVIEW ESTATES – FLUORIDE SURVEY RESULTS

Council received an update on the results of the fluoride survey distributed to Lakeview Estates residents and accepted the report for information.

2025 MUNICIPAL INDICATORS

Council was provided with an overview of the 2025 Municipal Indicators results. In the 2025 reporting year, Lacombe County met or exceeded all indicators, except for 2: 1) Investment and Infrastructure and 2) Infrastructure Age. The County is deemed "not at risk" according to the performance measures as set out by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

INTERVENOR STATUS – LPRT ASSESSMENT COMPLAINT

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VILLAGE OF ALIX – RAHR PARK PLAYGROUND PRESENTATION – FUNDING REQUEST

Council received a presentation from Mayor Gilliat with the Village of Alix on the Rahr Park Renewal Project. The Village of Alix requested a contribution of \$75,000 toward the project.

POLICY AD(48) PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Council approved Policy AD(48), Privacy

Management Program, which establishes the County's framework for managing personal information in compliance with the Protection of Privacy Act.

CENTRAL ALBERTA ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (CAEP) PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation from Mr. Paul Salvatore with CAEP, who provided an update on the recent and ongoing regional activities.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION BYLAW

Council approved first, second and third readings to Bylaw No. 1461/26, a bylaw that replaces the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act bylaw and aligns with the new legislative framework governing access to information.

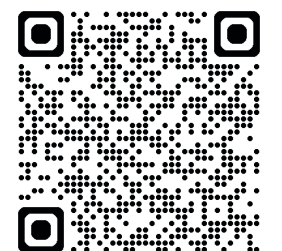
RECORDS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT BYLAW

Council approved first, second and third readings to Bylaw No. 1460/26, a bylaw establishing regulations and procedures for the retention and disposition of Lacombe County records and information.

SPEED LIMIT BYLAW

Council approved first, second and third readings to Bylaw No. 1462/26, a bylaw to regulate and control the speed of vehicles within Lacombe County.

Council Highlights & Minutes can be found on our website at calendar.lacombecounty.com/meetings



ASSESSMENT 101 | *What you need to know*

2026 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT INSPECTIONS

To ensure the accuracy of property assessments, Assessors re-inspect various properties throughout the municipality each year in Lacombe County. Assessors will inspect properties for various reasons, including cyclical updates, modernizations identified via development/safety code permits, ownership changes, changes identified on the most recent aerial photographs, or reports/updates from other sources.

Our Assessors are completing a cyclical/rotational property re inspection project throughout Ranges 1, 2, and into 28, as well as properties that have changed ownership this summer.

What happens during an inspection?

When we arrive at a property, we will attempt to make contact with the owner/occupant at the residence or primary building and explain why we are there and what we are doing. Each Lacombe County Assessor carries identification.

An in-person inspection consists of the following, but not limited to:

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

Assessors will use the best information available to prepare the property assessment, and this is your opportunity to assist in preparing the assessment for your property. Declining to cooperate with the Assessor to update the information necessary to prepare the assessment may impact any complaint you file with the assessment review board about the property the following year. Should you have questions regarding the assessment of your property, please get in touch with us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

EQUS Electricity Rates and Farm Classification

Each year we have rural property owners contact us about the classification of their property as 'farm' even though they are not farming. After meeting with EQUS, we've learned the property assessment classification is used to determine the appropriate electricity rate for rural property owners. EQUS charges the 'bulk' rate opposed to the 'residential' rate if the property assessment/tax notice indicates a portion of the property is classified as farmland and/or the residence is receiving a tax exemption under the Rural Assessment Policy. For more information about

your electricity rate please contact your provider.

For the purposes of property assessment, the 'growing, production, and sale' of agricultural products (in a reasonable amount) need to occur and be generated by the property for it to be classified as 'farm'. The residence must be used in the production/sale of these products to qualify. This is a legal test set out by the Province in Regulation that the Assessor must consider in preparing the assessment. Lacombe County has been and will continue to review, request/collect, and update information about the farming operations occurring on a property to accurately classify a property to prepare property assessments.

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.

MEET THE TEAM

The Lacombe County Assessment team is made up of the following individuals:



Angel Svennes



Andrew Beecraft



Nolan Bespalko

FARM FAMILY
of the Year Award

Nominations due Aug. 20

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THE RISKS OF IMPROPER LITHIUM BATTERY DISPOSAL

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

LITHIUM BATTERY FIRES

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

LITHIUM BATTERY TOXICITY

Apart from the risk of fires, improper disposal of lithium batteries can also result in the release of toxic chemicals. Cobalt, manganese, and nickel are among the dangerous

contaminants found in lithium-ion batteries. When these batteries end up in landfills, there is a real danger of these toxic substances seeping into the surrounding soil and groundwater, posing a threat to plant and animal life.

LANDFILL CONTAMINATION

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

Proper disposal of lithium batteries is vital to mitigate these risks and protect our health and environment. By responsibly recycling these batteries, we can prevent fires,

reduce toxic chemical exposure, and prevent the contamination of our landfills.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING LITHIUM BATTERIES

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

One of the significant benefits of battery recycling is the recovery of valuable metals and materials. Lithium batteries contain components like cobalt, nickel, and plastic, which can be extracted and reused through recycling. While

not all parts of a lithium battery are recoverable, the majority can be recycled, contributing to the conservation of valuable resources.

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

HOW TO RECYCLE LITHIUM BATTERIES PROPERLY

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

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

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



Tarp your load – Keep Lacombe County clean and safe

When heading to one of Lacombe County's Waste Transfer Stations, please remember to tarp your load.

While there is no bylaw requiring tarping in Lacombe County, we strongly encourage all residents to secure and tarp their loads—not only as a courtesy to others, but to help keep our community clean and safe.

WHY TARP YOUR LOAD?

Prevent roadside litter: Unsecured waste can easily blow out of vehicles, ending up in County ditches

and fields, harming the environment and increasing cleanup costs.

Protect other drivers: Loose material falling off a vehicle can create serious hazards for others on the road.

We all have a role to play in preserving the beauty and safety of Lacombe County. Thank you for doing your part by securing your load.

For more information about Waste Transfer Stations, visit: <https://www.lrwsc.ca/>.

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A FRIENDLY REMINDER

TAX DEADLINE: AUG. 31

Combined property assessment and tax notices were mailed in early May. If you have NOT received yours, please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-6601.

Pay your property taxes BY AUGUST 31, and avoid any late tax penalties! Learn more at www.lacombecounty.com/taxes.

NOVA Chemicals is now part of Borouge International



In March 2026, we announced that NOVA Chemicals Corporation was acquired by Borouge Group International AG (Borouge International). This new global polyolefins leader brings together Borouge Plc of the United Arab Emirates, Borealis GmbH of Austria, and NOVA Chemicals operating under the brand name Borouge International. We are excited to play an important role in bringing these three regionally strong, operationally distinct businesses together into a single global company.

As we begin this new chapter, we're also reflecting on our deep roots in Central Alberta. From our start as the neighbourhood ethylene plant on the prairie 50 years ago, we are proud that we've grown into a global polyolefins leader as part of Borouge International.

Guided by Responsible Care® principles, we will continue to advance safety, environmental stewardship, and responsible operations — protecting people, communities, and the environment through continuous improvement and stakeholder engagement.

While our new company is global, the Joffre Site remains committed to our local community. Our local leadership team continues to be accountable for safe and reliable site operations. We look forward to continued community engagement with our neighbours and maintaining our community support as Borouge International.



Rob Thompson
Vice President, Manufacturing West
NOVA Chemicals Corporation



Maintenance turnaround activities are underway at Joffre Site

Work is expected to last until early July with over 1,200 additional contractors onsite for the duration of the turnaround.

Residents in the vicinity of the Joffre Site can anticipate increased traffic in the area for the duration of the outage, specifically between 6:00 – 8:00 am and 5:00 – 7:00 pm — we appreciate your patience.

Our focus is safe and reliable operations at all times, and one of our planning priorities is to minimize potential impacts to our near-neighbours and community.

To stay up to date on-site activities, call the Joffre Site Operations Information Line at 403-314-2822.



Weed and Agricultural Pest Compliance



Weed and Pest Compliance on Well and Facility Sites

The AER supports enforcement activity for Alberta's weed and agricultural pest laws to ensure well and facility sites meet regulatory standards. Effective May 1, 2026, the AER may issue reasonable care and measure (RCAM) orders, when necessary, under the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act*.

What's New

The AER may issue RCAM orders to support enforcement actions initiated by Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation or by municipal authorities through the referral process.

Referral Process

- 1) A landowner or member of the public notifies their local municipal authority of a weed or pest issue on an energy development site.
- 2) An agricultural fieldman or municipal inspector visits the site and verifies the weed or pest issue on the site.
- 3) The fieldman or inspector uses their enforcement tools to address the noncompliance.
- 4) Once fieldmen and inspectors have exhausted their enforcement tools, they can refer the issue to the AER if it concerns a well or facility site for consideration and enforcement under an RCAM order.

Important Notes

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation fieldmen and municipal inspectors retain their responsibility to enforce compliance with weed and pest regulations.

- Municipalities are the initial point of contact for public and landowner concerns regarding weeds and pests.
- Licensees and approval holders must control weeds and pests on their energy development sites in accordance with legislation and AER requirements.
- The AER does not enforce weed and pest compliance on land outside its jurisdiction or on pipeline rights-of-way.

[Learn more](#) about weed and pest compliance on well and facility sites



Rural Alberta Producer Survey: Economic Value of Veterinary Access



Alberta Producers: How important is access to veterinary services for your operation?

Agricultural Service Boards across Alberta are gathering feedback from farmers and ranchers on the economic value of veterinary care—supporting animal health, productivity, and business viability.

- Quick 10-question survey
- Anonymous responses
- Open until June 30
- Take the survey by scanning the QR code in the image)

Your input will help inform advocacy efforts to the Government of Canada to include veterinarians in the Canada Student Loan Forgiveness Program.

Please consider sharing with fellow producers—your feedback matters!




RAVE Alert mass notification system

What is RAVE?

RAVE allows the Alberta RCMP to provide operational or educational alerts to community members in specific areas of the province. Users who sign up can receive alerts for:

- Crime watch notifications
- Traffic advisories
- Crime prevention tips
- General public safety messaging

Alerts are sent via email, text message, or phone call.

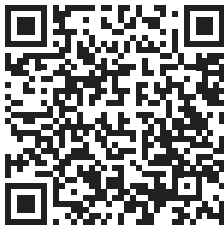
Why should I sign up?

RAVE allows community members to assist police and act as useful resources to their local detachments and their respective communities. You can also receive trusted information in real-time.

How do I sign up?

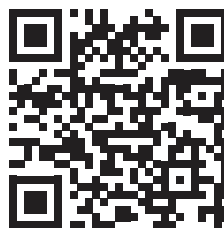
Scan the QR code to register:

www.getrave.ca/smart911/ref/login.action?pa=CrimeWatchAdvisoryAB



Scan the QR code for instructions and to set your RAVE preferences:

<https://youtu.be/0TO9oevDo5c>





Community Assisted Policing Through Use of Recorded Evidence

Register your security camera

Assist police with investigating crimes and keeping your community safe.

Registry is secure and entirely voluntary. Sign up today and help protect your property, your family, and your community.

REGISTER YOUR CAMERA(S) AT ruralalbertacapture.ca




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@crestomere4h_multiclub

Because of you, 4-H members can dream bigger, work harder and build a better tomorrow. We appreciate you!

www.crestomere4h.ca

CALLING ALL HORSE OWNERS: GOT USED BALER TWINE?

Recycle it at (click to insert collection site name)!

HOW TO RECYCLE:

- SHAKE: Remove as much debris from the twine as possible.
- BAG: Put your used baler twine in a free Cleanfarms collection bag. Collection bags are available at your local collection site.
- RETURN: Drop off your twine at your local collection site to be recycled.







RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

Home Support Services

Reliable Housekeeping for Seniors

Trained & Screened Providers

Services Offered:

- Laundry
- Kitchen, Living room, Bathroom cleaning
- Dusting
- Mopping
- Vacuuming
- Meal prep assistance
- Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly
- Lacombe, Blackfalds, Bentley, Clive and Lacombe County



SUPPORTED BY:

Lacombe & District FCSS:
403-782-6637

Bentley FCSS:
403-748-2160

Clive FCSS:
403-784-2020

CALL NOW!



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

Over The Hill & Loving The View
located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

The Seniors Drop In welcomes everyone 55+ to join us for our regular Tuesday/Thursday afternoons.

• Tuesdays	1 pm	Socialize/cards/games
• Thursdays	1pm	Socialize/cards/games
• Potluck		Last Tuesday each month

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

Special programming (no charge) on Mondays/Wednesdays

• Mondays	9:45 to 11 am	Seated Movers & Groovers
• Wednesdays	10:30 to 11:45	Chair Yoga - light movements

Registration required for these programs
Move your body, make connections & socialize!
Call 403.748.2160

These programs are open to 55+
You do not need to be a member of the Drop In to attend thanks to....

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

be in the know

Community Newsletter

Monthly Editions
are available in the box downtown for pickup, in participating businesses and the PDF is also available on the Town Website on the bottom of the homepage.

AROUND THE COUNTY



JUNE & JULY PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES!

2026
ALL
SUMMER

TD STORY WALK

BEGINNING JUNE 9 | LMC COURTYARD
GO FOR A WALK THROUGH THE LMC COURTYARD AND READ "COLETTE: THE SOLITARY BEE" BY JEAN-FRANÇOIS SÉNÉCHAL. AVAILABLE ALL SUMMER! FREE!

MON
JUNE
22

ADULT SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

* CHALLENGE PACKAGE AVAILABLE AT LIBRARY STARTING JUNE 22. COME PICK UP A PRINTED CHALLENGE PACKAGE AND GET STARTED! EVERY PARTICIPANT EARNS A REWARD AND WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE OF A \$60 GIFT CARD TO A LOCAL BUSINESS AND BOOK LOVERS GIFT BUNDLE. ENDS SEPT 4TH.

WED
JUNE
24

TRIVIA NIGHT

7-9PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
COME FOR SOME TRIVIA FUN AS A TEAM OF 2-5 OR AS A SINGLE. ADULTS AND TEENS.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. ADMISSION BY DONATION.

SAT
JULY
4

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

10AM-12 PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
BRING THE KIDS FOR A MORNING OF LEGO BUILDING FUN
* DROP-IN. FREE!

MON
JULY
6

TD SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS

MON-THURS | EXACT TIMES/DATES ON WEBSITE
SIX WEEKS OF WATER THEMED FUN FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-13.
* FREE! CHECK WEBSITE FOR NEW SIGN-UP PROCESS.

TUES
JULY
7

SPEED-FRIENDING

6-8PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
FOR THOSE IN THEIR 20S AND 30S. COME MEET NEW FRIENDS, DRINK TEA, HAVE SOME SNACKS, AND PLAY SOME GAMES TO BOOST YOUR SUMMER!
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!

FRI
JULY
10-11

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

10AM-5PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL LACOMBE DAYS BOOK SALE! BOOKS FOR SALE BY DONATION!
* WE ACCEPT BOOK DONATIONS UP TO AND INCLUDING DAY OF.

TUES
JULY
14

SPICE OF THE MONTH

PICK-UP: 10AM | LIBRARY CIRCULATION DESK
REGISTER BY JULY 13 TO RECEIVE A PACKET WITH SPICE INFORMATION, SOME RECIPES, AND A SMALL SAMPLE!
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!

FRI
JULY
17

READER'S RETREAT

6-9PM | IN THE LIBRARY
RELAX, SIP SOME TEA & READ YOUR BOOK IN THE QUIET OF THE LIBRARY. ADULTS AND TEENS.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!

THURS
JULY
23

ADULT CRAFTS: BOOKMARKS

6:30-8:30PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
COME LEARN HOW TO MAKE A FEW DIFFERENT BOOKMARK DESIGNS!
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. \$5 SUPPLY FEE.

WED
JULY
29

TRIVIA NIGHT

7-9PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
COME FOR SOME TRIVIA FUN AS A TEAM OF 2-5 OR AS A SINGLE. ADULTS AND TEENS.
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CHECK OUT OUR NEW DISCORD SERVER!
Join us for bookish chatter, news and updates, make suggestions, and more!

Link:
<https://discord.gg/vFn6cBZ8kS>

MORE DETAILS AT WWW.LACOMBELIBRARY.COM



Where Summer Feels Like It Used To.

CLIVE FUNFEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

GOOD OLD-FASHIONED FUN - Just Like You Remember.

A FULL DAY OF FAMILY FUN & COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

LET YOUR KIDS EXPERIENCE THE KIND OF SUMMER YOU GREW UP WITH.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST * PARADE * TOUCH-A-TRUCK * SILVER MINE * PENNY CARNIVAL * MERRY-GO-ROUND
ADOPTABLE PETS * SHOW & SHINE WITH PONOKA PISTON POPPERS * DISC GOLF * BUBBLE SOCCER * FAIRY DOORS TOUR
CHILI COOK-OFF * FOOD TRUCKS * INFLATABLE SLIDE & OBSTACLE COURSE * LIVE MUSIC AT CENTENNIAL PARK * & MORE!

COMMUNITY BOOTHS & INFORMATION FROM: * ENHANCE ENERGY * MADD CANADA * BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE * KIDSPORT ALBERTA

CELEBRATE CANADA DAY LACOMBE!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026

Come out & celebrate!

FIREWORKS AT DUSK

Cranna Lake - Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Parking will be available at the Gary Moe Sportsplex (5429 - 53 Ave) & City Hall (5432 - 56 Ave)
No Parking signs will be in place on Woodland Drive.

Fireworks display sponsored by:

Flatiron Building Museum
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
5005 - 50 Ave

The Michener House
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
*Walking Tour @ Museum
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
5036 - 51 Street

The Blacksmith Museum
12:00 AM - 4:00 PM
5020 - 49 Street

Community Concert Band
11:00 AM
Lacombe Legion

Colour March (from Lacombe Memorial Centre) and Flag Raising Ceremony
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Lacombe Legion

Food for Purchase
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM - until food lasts
Lacombe Legion/Byron Greff Memorial Hall

Matchstick Carnival
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Lacombe Jr. High School

Lacombe Community Market/Food Trucks/ Games/Face Painting & More!
3:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Lacombe Jr. High School

FREE Music Concert
Memphis Mafia
Opening Act: Tobi Vos
8:30 PM
Cranna Lake
www.lacombe.ca

JULY 1, 2026

CANADA DAY

Family Street Dance

SUMMER VILLAGE OF GULL LAKE

DANCE 7-10 PM | THE LAKERS Live Band! | FIREWORKS TO FOLLOW!

CASH BAR

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY GULL LAKE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

- FAMILY STREET DANCE
- THE LAKERS LIVE BAND
- CASH BAR
- FIREWORKS TO FOLLOW

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9 AM - 12 PM
SPONSORED BY THE GULL LAKE REC BOARD

JOIN US FOR THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF GULL LAKE REC. PROGRAM'S CANADA DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST
9AM - NOON

\$12/plate
Under 5 - by donation
*cash only
*50/50 being sold

There will also be a community dance, followed by fireworks after dusk!

Come meet this year's program staff and get your program package and calendar!

FIND US AT THE SVGL COMMUNITY HALL

It's the
Kinsmen Aquatic Centre's
30th
Anniversary

Come celebrate with
pool prices from 1996!
\$2.50 SWIM

JUNE 20th

BBQ | GAMES | ART | PHOTO BOOTH | AND MORE!

BBQ (by donation) 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

Cake Cutting 12:45 PM

\$2.50 Swim 1:15 PM - 3:15 PM

5429 53 St, Lacombe, AB T4L 1H8



MORNINGSIDE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendar for the Duane Steele Band on November 14, 2026. More information to follow

For the most updated community info, go to Facebook at Morningside AB Community News and Events

To book Morningside Hall call Sue at 403-505-4980

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:

- Come and celebrate the pools 30th Anniversary on June 20th! BBQ 12:00-1:15 pm by donation, games, art, cake cutting, and swim from 1:15-3:15 pm with \$2.50 admission (rate from 30 years ago).
- June 21st, dads swim for free on Father's Day.
- July 1st, Public Swim 1:00-5:00 pm only for Canada Day.

For more information on the KAC schedule, pool rentals and advanced courses call 403.782.1278 or visit www.lacombe.ca/pool.




CELEBRATE CANADA DAY!

GARAGE SALE

SUMMER VILLAGE OF GULL LAKE

VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
SALES THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE

FIND GREAT DEALS ON:

- HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
- FURNITURE
- TOOLS
- TOYS & GAMES
- SPORTING GOODS
- DECOR & COLLECTIBLES
- AND MUCH MORE!

One Village • Many Sales • Endless Treasures!

Bring your family, meet your neighbours, and celebrate Canada Day by hunting for bargains throughout the Summer Village of Gull Lake.

RESIDENTS: Set up a sale at your property and join the fun!

Shop Local • Meet Neighbours • Find Great Deals

servus credit union
PUBLIC LIBRARY BLACKFALDS

Blackfalds' Servus Credit Union Public Library

EAGLE BUILDERS CENTRE

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

Programming

- Music & Movement *Ages 1-4*
- Read-Justu *Ages 6-13*
- Trade & Play Card Club *Ages 9+*
- Walking Club *Ages 18+*
- Drop-In Crafts & Activities *All Ages*

*For more program info, check out our website & social media platforms.

Our Summer Reading Program will run from July 6th to August 14th!

Borrowing

From e-books, to audiobooks, to magazines, to our Library of Things, you'll be able to find what you need. Access our online collection from the comfort of your own home!

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
Eagle Builders Centre 5302 Broadway Avenue
Blackfalds, AB T0M 0J0

Visit us on our website & social medias





DONATE OR APPLY TODAY!

Local Kids. Local Support. Real Impact.





Through the support of community donors and corporate sponsors, we continue to meet the needs of children and youth in our community. Supplies will be given to students in the Lacombe, Lacombe County, Clive & Mirror.

Sponsorship Opportunity

INDIVIDUALS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS BUSINESSES

FIREWORKS FRIDAY, AUGUST 7/26 BEFORE THE DRIVE IN MOVIE!



In 2025 \$12,000 was raised and we heard it was another **AMAZING FIREWORKS SHOW!**

Contact Town Office to discuss your donation
403-748-4044 info@townofbentley.ca




2026 BENTLEY TOWN AND COUNTRY FAIR AUGUST 7-8, 2026
PARADE THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS
"SALUTE TO 60TH ANNIVERSARY - BENTLEY ARENA"

PARADE, PANCAKE BREAKFASTS, FARMERS MARKET, HIGH SCHOOL REUNION, CAR SHOW, DRIVE IN MOVIE, FIREWORKS, GREAT SHOPPING, & MORE BENTLEY WILL BE THE PLACE TO BE!

SUMMER VILLAGE OF GULL LAKE

Rec. Program's

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

FUNDRAISER
9am - noon


\$12
*CASH ONLY
UNDER 8 BY DONATION

MON. AUG. 3




SUPPORT THE SUMMER REC. PROGRAM

Find us at the Summer Village of Gull Lake Community Hall!



Bentley & District Ag Society

Fair and Rodeo
August 4 - 8, 2026



For dates and times of all events, checkout our facebook page or on our website. www.bentleyagsociety.com



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WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre



ALIX MIRROR WELLNESS SUPPORTS SOCIETY AGM

Everyone is welcome.

DAY	TIME
MAY 28	7PM

Bay 1,
5008 50 Ave
Alix, AB

Rock Ninja:

Bring rocks labeled, Alix CRC' back to the Centre to be entered into a draw to win a prize. There will be 5 rounds of rock ninja. Draws will be on the last Thursday of the month in May, June, July, August and September. The goal of this project is to bring the community together, while exploring and enjoying our Village!

presented in partnership with



Touch a Truck

Barbecue ~ Carnival Games ~ Face Painting

Monday, June 1st

5:30PM to dusk at the school grounds

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

Closed all statutory holidays

Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

403-396-3369



Services Available

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

alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook
@AlixandAreaCommunityResourceCentre

www.alixcrc.com



THE CRAFTY CREW

Create amazing crafts!

Learn about your community!

Showcase your work at the Bench Show!

When: July 9, 16, 23 & 30

Where: Community Room, basement of Town Office

Time: 9am to 3pm

Age: 8 - 12

Investment: \$40 Need to bring lunch/snacks/water bottle

Youth will participate in a variety of activities while learning about Bentley. They will be creating crafts which will be shared in community as well as entered into the Bench Show in August.

10 SPOTS

Registration with payment will secure a spot for 4 fun filled days!

Community Services: 403-748-2160

Lacombe Museum

CANADA DAY

MATCHSTICK CARNIVAL

Ecole Lacombe Junior High School Field

Wednesday July 1st, 2026
1pm to 6pm

www.lacombemuseum.com
info@lacombemuseum.com
(403) 782 - 3933

SPLENDOR VENDOR

2026 INDIGENOUS ARTISAN Workshops

Free Indigenous-focused workshops:

- Beaded Lanyard
- Bannock Making
- Parfleche Earrings

Saturday, June 20th | 12pm to 4pm
Lacombe Performing Arts Centre
(5227 C&E Trail, Lacombe)

HOSTED BY THE LACOMBE MUSEUM AND THE RECONCILIATION COALITION

Stones & Bones

Join us on Saturday, July 11th, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Parking Lot North of the Michener House Museum



www.lacombemuseum.com
403.782.3933



ALIX WAGON WHEEL MUSEUM 2026 FUNDRAISER

BIKE-RUN-WALK-A-THON & POKER RALLY

Saturday, July 18 | Register 8:30AM-10:30AM
Meeting Point: Heritage Park Alix, across from the arena

Poker Rally (18+) and Pledge Sheets (under 18)



\$10 per poker hand

\$5 minimum per kids' pledge sheet

- Get your pledge sheet at the museum or at registration

Visit the Five Stations throughout Alix!

Enjoy Treats While Supporting Your Local Museum

\$6 Hot Dog or Spring Rolls, Chips and Pop

Prize for the Top Poker Hand is a BBQ donated by Gator RV!

Sucker Pull Prizes for All Kids!



For more information: Alixmuseum@gmail.ca or Visit the Museum Tuesday-Saturday 10AM-5PM

JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	JULY 1 Canada Day (OFFICE CLOSED)	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 County Council (9AM)	10 County News Submissions Due	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 County News Published	18
19	20	21	22 Ag & ALUS Tour 8:30 AM - 3:30PM (Pg. 3)	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	AUG 1

Upcoming Events: Aug. 3: Heritage Day (Office Closed), Aug. 27: County Council Meeting (9AM)

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.



Lacombe County Directory

RR3, Lacombe Alberta T4L 2N3 www.lacombecounty.com

Department Numbers:

Main Office - 403-782-6601

Planning Services - 403-782-8389

Community Services - 403-782-8959

Operations - 403-782-8379

Public Works Shop - 403-782-3567

General

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

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

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Brenda Knight, Div. 2 (bknight@lacombecounty.com)	403.788.2168	403.550.2168
Mark Visscher, Div. 3 (mvisscher@lacombecounty.com)		403.350.4709
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