

# County News

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## Reflecting on 2022: the Year in Review

We are at the beginning of a new year, and it's natural to want to take a look back and reflect on the successes of 2022. As an organization dedicated to continuous improvement, let's look back at the highlights of the year that was!

### County Council

Following the 2021 Municipal election, Lacombe County welcomed three new councillors to the team – Ken Weenink, Allan Wilson and Dwayne West. Despite a steep learning curve into the intricacies of municipal government, Councillors Weenink, Wilson and West have adjusted very well to their new roles and responsibilities as elected officials. Division 3 Councillor Barb Shepherd was re-elected by her colleagues to represent Lacombe County as Reeve for another term.

The first full year of our new Council working together has brought an effective blend of fresh perspectives and varying levels of experience to the table. This was evident during the County's Strategic Planning workshop in early 2022, where Council developed a new vision for Lacombe County: **Success grows here!** and identified four strategic goals to help guide decision-making: Our Business; Our Finances; Our Assets, and; Our Community.

With a year under their belts and a clear vision for the future, Council is looking forward to entering 2023 with a commitment to ensuring that Lacombe County continues to be the vibrant, forward-thinking municipality that it is.

### Corporate Services

**Manager of Assessment Services:** After a 33-year career with the County, Larry Riep will be retiring from his role as Manager of Assessment Services in March 2023. Since October 24, Angel Svennes has joined Assessment Services and will be taking over Larry's role in the New Year. Angel brings over 25 years of assessment knowledge and experience sourced from rural and urban municipalities..

**Outstanding Oil & Gas Taxes:** After a year with a reduction in outstanding oil and gas property taxes, we experienced a significant increase in unpaid taxes in 2022. This increase was related primarily to two oil and gas companies that owe approximately 60% of the total outstanding balance. Preliminary estimates indicate a balance owing of \$2,207,000, which is up \$889,000 from the \$1,318,000 balance in 2021.

Lacombe County has been working with other counties to lobby the provincial government to make legislative changes to assist municipalities in collecting these outstanding oil and gas property taxes. Municipalities now have a priority claim

over other debt obligations of oil and gas companies and can place a special lien on associated equipment. In addition, municipalities can issue an objection to the Alberta Energy Regulator when a delinquent oil and gas company seeks to renew or transfer an energy license.

In cases where collection is not successful, the County does establish allowances in the event of the company goes into bankruptcy or no longer exists. The County can also apply to the Province for credit on education taxes that are not collected from these uncollected tax accounts.

**Giving Back to the Community:** Lacombe County has contributed to various community-led capital projects around the County and in the surrounding urban communities that County residents benefit from. This includes a \$14,535 contribution to the Alix Nature Trail Society to replace a pedestrian bridge; a \$25,000 contribution to the Gull Lake Community League to replace playground equipment in the Summer Village of Gull Lake; a \$38,210 contribution to the City of Lacombe for capital repairs at the Arena and Aquatic Centre; and a \$1,948 contribution to the Town of Blackfalds for repairs at the Spray Park.

**Fire Permit System:** Our own Lacombe County-built Fire Permit system was used to issue 891 fire permits this year. The system is designed to approve simple permits automatically while leaving the complicated ones to the discretion of the County Fire Chief. Of the approved permits in 2022, 376 (42%) were automatically approved by the system while 515 (58%) were approved manually by the Fire Chief.

**Capital Planning:** The County has rolled out a comprehensive five-year capital plan to Council as a part of the annual budget presentation. The objective of a five-year capital plan is to provide the public, staff, and Council with a detailed understanding of the County's long-range capital requirements so we can budget wisely for the future.

**Cybersecurity:** The County's Information Services Department implemented a comprehensive cybersecurity program to reduce the threat of cybercrime and proactively safeguard the County's data and information. This included staff and Council training and the development of new policies and practices.

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# APPLY TODAY: Community Program Grants available

Lacombe County is committed to strengthening the quality of life for residents and fostering civic pride by providing financial support for community programs, events and activities.

*Policy RC(9) - County Support of Community Programs, Events and Activities* provides additional support for organizations in the County and its urban municipalities, as well as for the municipalities themselves. Support will be given for events and activities which are held for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public, demonstrate a financial need, and other criteria explained in the policy.

**The application deadline is February 1, 2023; applicants will be advised by March 31st of the status of their application.**

## **Policy Guidelines/Procedures:**

**Eligibility:** Urban municipalities within the County, and community organizations in the urban municipalities within the County and within Lacombe County are eligible for funding, subject to the following guidelines:

To be eligible for consideration, programs:

- Must demonstrate a need for financial support from the County;
- Must be held for the enjoyment and benefit of the general public;
- Must be hosted on an annual basis and/or recognize significant milestone events;
- Must not charge an admission, entrance or registration fee for the program, event or activity;
- Must receive at least an

equivalent amount of funding from the urban municipality in which the program, event or activity is being held as that being requested from the County;

- Must receive at-least an equal amount of funding from the community organization if the program, event or activity is being held in the County; and
- Must take place in the County, or in the urban municipalities within the County in 2023.

The following are not eligible for support under this policy:

- capital facilities and equipment;
- youth and adult sports teams and associated programs, events and activities;
- school reunions;
- private functions;
- community organizations,

programs, events and activities that receive support from the County through other programs or policies.

## **Funding Allotment & Allocation:**

Funding will be based on \$0.75 per capita based on the current year official population of Lacombe County and the urban municipalities within the County, with a \$1,000 minimum allotment per town or village, and a \$500 minimum allotment per summer village.

***To view the Policy and a downloadable application form, see the County Website at [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com) under the County Information tab at the top of the home page, and click on Policies on the left hand menu.***

# JOIN OUR TEAM: Career Opportunities

## **SPRAYER OPERATOR**

(full-time, 4-month seasonal)

Lacombe County is accepting applications for a full-time Sprayer Operator to work in our Agriculture department, operating herbicide application equipment throughout the County.

**Hours:** Monday to Friday, 7am – 5pm

***The wage for this position starts at \$26.77/hr (includes stat and vacation pay) for the first 8hrs and \$36.11/hr for overtime hours.***

## **SUMMER LABOURER**

(full-time, 4-month seasonal)

Looking for summer employment? Enjoy working outside, performing a variety of tasks? Previous experience in light equipment operation? Lacombe County is accepting applications for Summer General Labourers to work with maintenance and/or construction crew members in our Operations department, performing a variety of manual and physical tasks throughout Lacombe County.

**Hours:** Monday to Friday, 7am – 5pm

***The wage for this position starts at \$23.06/hr (includes stat and vacation pay) for the first 8 hrs and \$31.11/hr for overtime hours.***

## **WEED INSPECTOR**

(full-time, 4-month seasonal)

Are you looking for a summer job working outside? Lacombe County is accepting applications for a summer seasonal Weed Inspector to work in our Agriculture Department, completing weed inspections on public and private lands throughout the County.

**Hours:** Monday to Friday, 8am – 4:30pm.

***The wage for this position starts at \$23.06/hr (includes stat and vacation pay).***

**To express interest, please forward your application no later than 8AM, February 28, 2023 to [hr@lacombecounty.com](mailto:hr@lacombecounty.com).**

**The approximate term date for these four-month positions is May 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023.**



**For a full job ad, application details and deadlines, visit our website [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com).**



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## Community Services

**Highway 2 West Servicing Project:** The Highway 2 West Servicing Project was completed in 2021 and during 2022, all businesses within Wild Rose Industrial Park and the Track on 2 were connected to water and wastewater services. The infrastructure has been oversized to accommodate for future development.

**Reserve Lands:** This year, the County inspected reserve lands across the County to create an inventory and confirm how the lands are being used. The Environmental Coordinator is working with landowners to ensure the land use matches the intended purpose and to ensure the lands remain in a publicly accessible state, allowing for passive recreation and ecosystem services, such as wildlife habitat, water quality support, and flood and drought mitigation. By categorizing our green capital, we will be able to ensure they are protected and being used appropriately.

**Enhancing Habitat:** The County has taken on various initiatives to steward the natural features we manage. For instance, we are in the planning stages of a potential project to restore riparian habitat along the eastern shores of Gull Lake. On a smaller scale, this year, the County planted 60 willows at Crooker Wetlands and have replaced trees lost to winter at the Burbank Campground.

**Community Peace Officer Services:** The County's Community Peace Officer program has implemented several new features this year, such as electronic ticketing, GPS data input, and officer pass-down logs. This technology has been leveraged to make us more efficient as an organization.

**Fire Services:** Lacombe County Fire Service members have responded to 579 incidents and completed 14,246 staff hours of training. We are always grateful for the awe-inspiring and selfless undertaking of the County's Volunteer Fire Service members.

**Emergency Management:** Lacombe County's Emergency Management personnel partnered with our Regional Partners on October 26 to host one of the largest emergency management exercises ever completed in Alberta. The exercise was attended by a total of 600 participants.

**Agriculture:** The Agriculture Department was busy once again this year working with landowners to control weeds and pathogens. The County is continuing its Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program for a fourth year, and has collected 30 rolls of grain bags so far in 2022.

**Farm Education:** This year saw the return of the County's annual Farm Safety Day. This year, the County saw 200 students from local schools fill our parking lot and shop yard to learn about safe farming practices. The future generation of farmers were eager to learn about farm safety. Later in the season, the County hosted the Lacombe County Ag Tour, which featured stops at Little Cherries on the Prairie, Gull Lake Honey Company, West County Mills, and Hulleman Farms, followed by a long table dinner hosted by the Lacombe and District Historical Society.

## Operations

Lacombe County has 2,192 kms of roads to look after and included in that total is 1,778 kms of gravel roads (including 121 kms machinery roads) and 414 kms of paved roads. In 2022 we were able to upgrade our

paved road system by widening and overlaying 9.86 km of previously banned road to a ban free status. Over the years, we have committed to take our old, paved roads and make them wider and stronger to handle current traffic volumes and size.

**Construction Projects:** Widening and Paving Lockhart Road (from Junction of Highway 12 north 9.86 kms to Twp Road 41-4).

Chip Seal Coating of Milton West Branch Road (Twp Rd 41-2) from Hwy 2 to Spruceville Road for 10.6 kms

**Bridge Construction:** Four structures were tendered out this year. The bridge construction projects take into consideration our future road construction projects as well. This year's bridge construction included:

- B01413 (SW 4-39-23 W4 – Haynes Creek on Rge Rd 23-4)
- B7846 (SW 24-40-2 W5 – Rainy Creek on Rge Rd 2-1)
- B7937 (SE 23-41-24 W4 – Parlby Creek on Twp Rd 41-3)
- B72595 (SW 24-41-24 W4 – Tributary to Parlby Creek on Twp Rd 41-3)
- B13455 (SW 18-40-3 W5 – Tributary to Medicine River)

**Bridge Culvert Installation:** The County installed one of the four bridge culverts in-house, instead of hiring a contractor. Using our own staff and equipment, we successfully installed a 2.7-meter by 39-meter-long culvert in the Eckville area.

**Road Construction Projects:** Our crews were able to complete 16.9 kms of local gravel road reconstruction in 2022.

**Gravel Program:** Generally one-third of the gravel roads are placed on our proposed gravel schedule each year. A total of 530 kms were completed for the gravel program.

**Custom Equipment Projects:** The shop staff are busy with new equipment. New equipment often requires work to customize it for its intended use. Rig-up projects include tractors, pick-up trucks, and motor scrapers.

**Parks and Trails:** Our parks team is responsible for maintaining County playgrounds; sweeping County trails in spring; maintaining brush, grass, and weeds on County lands; painting and installing swim lines at Sandy Point Beach; taking care of County-installed landscaping; and installing park-related signage.

**Special Projects for 2023:** The County is in search of funding for the repaving of a regional trail southwest of Gull Lake, which will provide an active transportation corridor for pedestrians and cyclists, Sandy Point, and the existing trail between Bentley and the provincial parks at Gull Lake. The signalization project for the Hwy 12 and Hwy 2 interchange has been tendered and awarded. Construction is to begin January 2023.

## Planning Services

**Development and Subdivision Activity:** The County has received 175 development permit applications and 29 subdivision applications thus far in 2022 and has approved nearly \$51 million worth of new construction. This includes 85 new dwelling units across the County.

**The Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan:**

The Alberta Professional Planners Institute has recognized the Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan with the 2022 Award of Merit for its comprehensive planning approach and cutting-edge regional planning approach. The Plan is a successful collaboration between Lacombe County, Red Deer County, the Town of Sylvan Lake, and five summer villages surrounding Sylvan Lake (the Summer Village of Birchcliff, Summer Village of Jarvis Bay, Summer Village of Half Moon Bay, Summer Village of Norglenwold, and Summer Village of Sunbreaker Cove). It defines the future of the Plan Area from the lens of sustainable land use while building a vibrant community in the area.

**South of Highway 11 (East of Haynes) Area Structure Plan:** The County is in the public participation phase of the South of Highway 11 (East of Haynes) Area Structure Plan. A draft Plan was crafted based on initial feedback from the community. Following the second round of engagement, County staff will fine-tune the Plan to meet the desires and expectations of the community before it goes to Council. This Area Structure Plan is intended to replace the South of Highway 11 Area Multi-Lot Country Residential Outline Plan adopted in 2001.

**Economic Development Strategy:** The County has hired a consultant to create our very first Economic Development Strategy! The purpose of the Strategy is to foster a targeted approach to economic growth and development in the County, and to provide existing and potential businesses with a structure to be supported by the County.

**Eagle's Quay:** After a long pause in new construction, the County has approved four development permits for new dwellings in Eagle's Quay on Sylvan Lake in 2022. While construction of the new subdivision was complete as of 2008, there was a delay in the sale of lots, which did not pick up until 2021. The total estimated construction value of the four new homes is \$3.19 million.

**Degraff's Phase 2B:** The developer of Degraff's RV Resort has completed construction of Phase 2B, which will contain 23 bareland condominium units. The development now has a total of 153 units.

**The Slopes of Sylvan Lake:** The Slopes continues to build with a total of two development permits being issued for new dwellings in 2022, in addition to the five approved in 2021. The developer has completed construction of the water treatment plant and the County has issued a Construction Completion Certificate.

**Alberta Views RV and Golf Resort:** The developer has commenced construction on a 100-stall recreational vehicle seasonal campground with two washrooms, 104 vehicle parking space, a playground, small pool, six pickleball courts, and a trail to a water feature. The development is located on the site of a pre-existing golf course north of Eckville. The developer has completed the construction of the campground, playground, and internal trails, and has completed the required upgrades to Range Road 3-4, but construction of the pickleball courts is yet to occur.

**Sandy Point RV Resort and RV Park:** The developer of Sandy Point has begun construction of their campground expansion, which will include 275 additional seasonal lots.



# SAFETY FIRST

## What is a vape?

A vape is an electronic smoking device that contains a cartridge of liquid (e-juice) that is heated into a vapour and inhaled by the user. Vapes have batteries (rechargeable), a heating element, a mouthpiece, and a place to hold vape liquid.

Vapes come in different shapes and sizes:  
- may look like a pen or USB (which makes them easy to conceal) or like a "lighter" with a refillable tank and often sport cool or pretty designs  
- some vapes are hidden in stealth products, like watches, hoodies, or gaming devices

## What is vape liquid?

It is a mix of chemicals, flavours, and different levels of nicotine. It comes in flavours that entice kids and teens, like fruits, candies, tropical drinks, or desserts.

## Why do young people vape?

Teens say they vape because it's enjoyable or they like the buzz it gives them. Others vape out of curiosity or to try different flavours. Some vape because they believe it will help them reduce stress or help them fit in with friends.

## How harmful is vaping?

Scientists are still learning, but here is what we know right now:

- Most vapes have nicotine, which alters the development of the teen brain and can affect memory and concentration. It causes intense cravings and nasty withdrawal symptoms.
- Vaping liquid and the aerosol created contain harmful substances, some cause cancer and lung disease.
- Vaping comes with a risk of burns and other serious injury.
- Young people who vape may be more likely to start smoking than those who don't vape.

## Talk to your children about vaping

With time and practice, talking about vaping will strengthen the relationship you have with your teen.

- Check out credible sources of information together. [Consider the Consequences of Vaping](#) - is a great resource. Help them think about the consequences of vaping in ways that are meaningful to them.
- Talk about vaping when it comes up in real life. Ask open-ended questions like what have you heard about vaping?
- Talk with them about what it means to think and act independently; and to make good decisions.

## MORE RESOURCES

[Schools.HealthierTogether.ca](https://schools.healthier.together.ca)  
Search "vaping"

[AlbertaQuits.HealthierTogether.ca](https://albertaquits.healthier.together.ca)

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



Addiction Services Help Line  
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line  
1-877-303-2642



## Medicine River Crimewatch Society News

The Medicine River Crimewatch Society has several new board members and a new executive. The new board is looking at developing more methods for communicating with Crimewatch members.

Crimewatch membership has its benefits! Members receive weekly reports from local RCMP detachments and also receive rural crimewatch signage to put at your gate. Being a member of a local Crimewatch group helps us all be watchful in our communities to prevent crime. A criminal record check is required in order to become a member.

The Medicine River Crimewatch Will be hosting a general meeting at the Eckville Legion on Wednesday, April 19. Guest speaker to be determined. County peace officers and remember from the Sylvan lake RCMP detachment will be giving updates.

If you would like to become a Medicine River Crimewatch member or update your membership, email [medicinerivercws@gmail.com](mailto:medicinerivercws@gmail.com)

## Canadian Firearms Safety Course coming to Bentley



Now being offered in Bentley!

April 1st, 2023 | Bentley Arena  
9:00 AM | Cost - \$140.00

Available to all 12 years and older - minors are welcome to bring a parent.

### Contact Information:

Dan Johnston, #301-8503-108th Street, Edmonton T6E 6J9

Phone: 780.434.0083 OR 825.439.5208  
[danshouldbeworkingnow@gmail.com](mailto:danshouldbeworkingnow@gmail.com)

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

### Topics covered in the course include

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

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

### Other details:

- This course is designed by the RCMP and admin-

istered in Alberta by the Alberta Hunter Education Instructor's Association.

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

### The Instructor:

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



# MIRROR CORNER



## County staff support Mirror Food Bank

County Staff members TJ McTrowe and Matt Bergesen drove to Mirror in December to present the Mirror Food Bank with a \$958.82 cheque. This money was raised throughout the year by the County's Social Committee and was donated on behalf of the employees of Lacombe County.

Joe Unrau accepted the cheque (pictured above), along with his associate Dawn. They were very grateful for this donation.

## Mirror residents reminded to shovel sidewalks

Residents in Mirror are reminded that all snow and ice must be removed from their sidewalks within 48 hours of a snowfall, pursuant to Bylaw 1098/09.

Should the County have to pay for an employee or contractor to clear the snow/ice from a property, the occupant or owner will be charged for the cost and may face additional fines.



## 2023 Mirror Dog License Renewal

A license is required for all dogs in Mirror. Dog tag renewals will be mailed out in December 2022. **The fee is \$15.00 for an altered dog and \$25.00 for an unaltered dog. After February 28, 2023, the cost increases to \$30 for an altered dog and \$50 for an unaltered dog.** For more information, please call (403) 782-6601 or visit [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com) (County Services >Hamlet of Mirror>Policies/Bylaws>Dog Control).

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

If you would like to report a contravention of the Dog Control Bylaw, please call 403-506-9380, or email [info@klassickennels.com](mailto:info@klassickennels.com).

**\*\*For animal welfare issue please contact the Alberta SPCA at <http://www.albertaspca.org/>\*\*\***



### 2023 Mirror Dog Tags

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### Jolly Seniors

Pancake breakfast every second Sunday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Booking Mirror Community Hall

Call Lisa 403-788-3890 or cell 403-505-3894.

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

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

**Library Hours:** Wednesdays 1-7 p.m.

2nd & 4th Saturday, 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

Please like us at: [facebook.com/booksinmirror](https://facebook.com/booksinmirror) for the most up to date information. We also have free Wi-Fi.

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

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

### Mirror and District Museum

Contact [mmuseum@cciwireless.ca](mailto:mmuseum@cciwireless.ca) if you would like to volunteer and for hours of operation

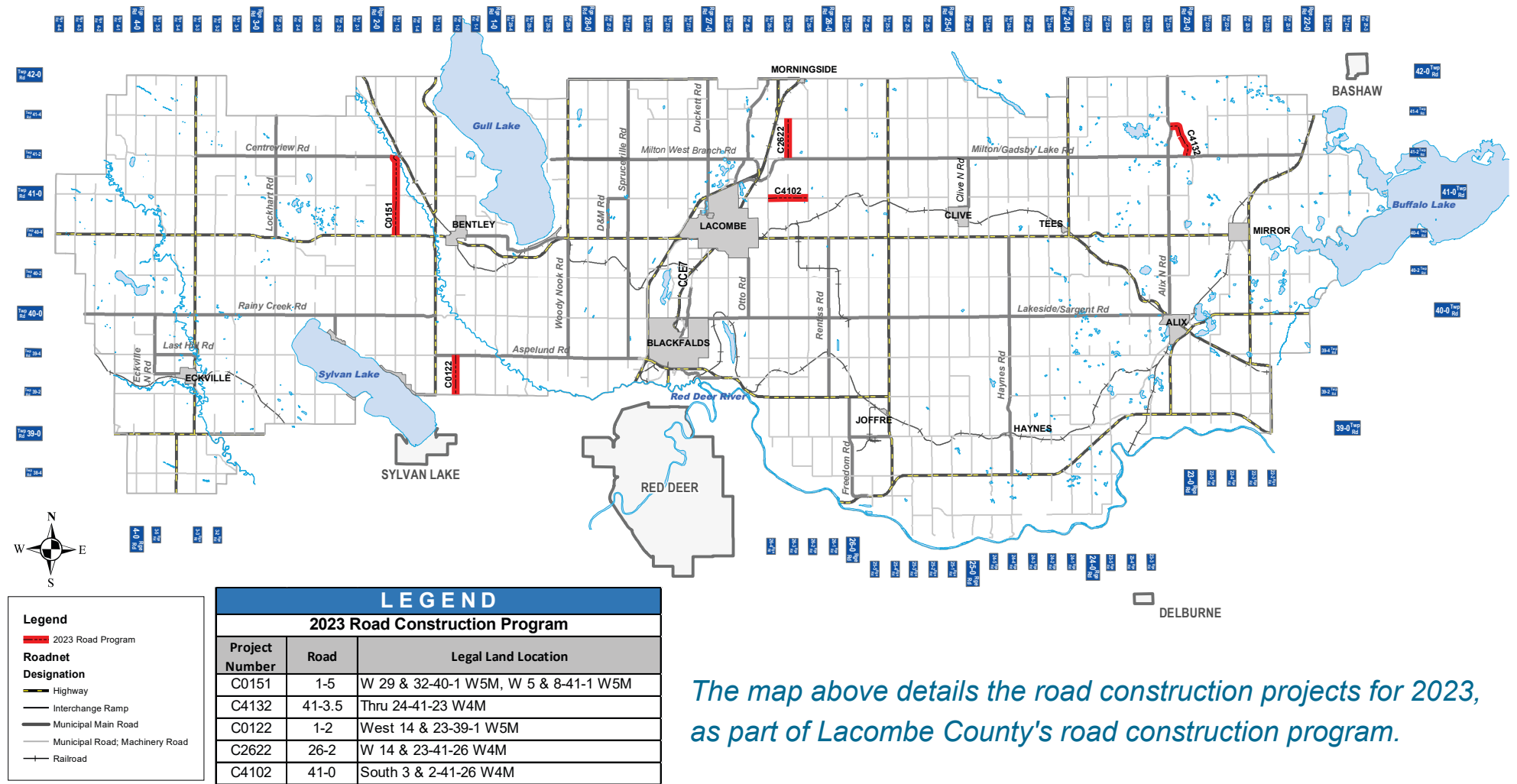
### CN Rail crossing delays

If you experience delays longer than 20 minutes at the Mirror rail yard crossing, call CN Rail at 1-800-465-9239. Follow the prompts and be ready to provide details shown on the crossing signal mast to CN personnel. Transport Canada may be reached at 1-888-463-0521.



# OPERATIONS

## 2023 LACOMBE COUNTY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM



The map above details the road construction projects for 2023, as part of Lacombe County's road construction program.

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



**LACOMBE COUNTY**

Phone: 403-782-6601  
Email: [info@lacombecounty.com](mailto:info@lacombecounty.com)

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Instagram (lacombecounty)  
Twitter (@LacombeCounty)

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**1 877 875 3263**



**511**

For current road conditions on Twitter, safely follow @511Alberta or download the 511AB App

### Maintenance Contractor for Provincial Highways

Please note: Alberta Transportation maintains and operates ALL NUMBERED highways in the County (i.e. Hwy 12, Hwy 20, Hwy 597, Hwy 815, Hwy 601, Hwy 2A, etc.). **If you see any issues or have any concerns on these roadways, please contact:**

**Mainroad Alberta Contracting LP**  
**1-877-875-3263**



# ENVIRONMENT

## WINNERS | Environment Photo Contest

We received many amazing photos for the 2022 Environmental Photo Contest, which wrapped up in December.

A selection committee met to review the submissions. Congratulations to the following individuals for their winning photos.

Thank you to EVERYONE who submitted a photo. We appreciate your participation.

### Wildlife Category:

Kade Damant – 1st Place  
Caleb Crombie – 2nd Place

### Plants Category:

Bonnie Hoskin – 1st Place  
Lynn Cairns – 2nd Place

### Landscapes Category:

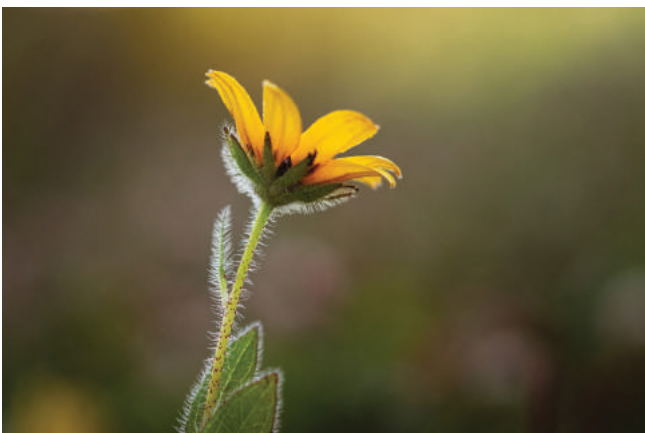
Sheri Skocdopole – 1st Place  
Maxine Lozinski – 2nd Place

### WILDLIFE WINNERS



First Place - submitted by Kade Damant

### PLANTS WINNERS



First Place - submitted by Bonnie Hoskin

### LANDSCAPES WINNERS



First Place - submitted by Sheri Skocdopole



Second Place - submitted by Caleb Crombie



Second Place - submitted by Lynn Cairns



Second Place - submitted by Maxine Lozinski

## REMINDER | Ice Fishing Hut Registration

Lacombe County is no longer managing the voluntary Take It Off Program on Gull Lake and Buffalo Lake, as Alberta Environment and Parks has made it mandatory to identify all ice shelters in the province.

All ice fishing shelters that are on the ice for more than 24 hours

**must** be labelled (2.5 cm block letters) with WiN number or name and phone number. **Ice fishing shelters must be removed from the ice by March 31.**

By identifying your ice shelter you help to ensure that all ice shelters are taken off the lake by the end of the ice fishing season. This helps to

protect the environment and ensure the safety of anglers and boaters.

More information is in the 2022 Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations at <https://albertaregulations.ca/fishingregs/>.





# AGRICULTURE



## LAND RENTAL RATES & AGREEMENTS

**JOIN US | Ted Nibourg (former Business Management Specialist with Alberta Agriculture & Forestry)**

Land value trends | Cash rent | Production & commodity prices | Calculating & negotiating fair prices  
(for both renters and landowners)

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**DATE**  
FEB. 23, 2023


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


**LOCATION**  
BLACKFALDS COMMUNITY CENTRE  
(4810 WOMACKS ROAD)



**TO REGISTER:**  
<https://LandRentals.eventbrite.ca>  
 403-782-6601 | \$20+GST



## USE RESPECT – ASK FIRST SIGNS



### Use Respect – Ask First

These signs are available free for landowners across Alberta.

The signs include a space for landowner's contact information and/or conditions of the land.

**These Signs are available at the Lacombe County office free of charge.**

**Use Respect - Ask First** is about good communication between landowners and people wanting to access private land for recreation (like hunting, fishing, hiking, wildlife photography, etc.). Landowners can put **Use Respect – Ask First** signs on their property, to encourage people who would like to access the land to contact them for permission. The signs include a space for the landowner's contact information.

**Do the right thing. Ask landowners for permission BEFORE going on their property. It's trespassing if you don't.**

# ATTENTION

## Grain Bag and Twine Recyclers in Lacombe County

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

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

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



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

### Grain Bag Recycling



#### Requirements:

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

#### Details:

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

### Twine Recycling



#### Requirements:

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

#### Details:

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



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



# AGRICULTURE

## Ideal plant stand - Understanding all of the variables



Grant McCormick



It's the dead of winter, so why would "Ideal Plant Stand" be important now? Many years of research have helped guide the different crop-types to understand what the ideal stand for optimal output (yield) whether that is cereals, oilseeds, pulses,

forages, or specialty crops. For example, wheat requires 25-35 plants/ft<sup>2</sup>, canola 5-7 plants/ft<sup>2</sup>, peas 7-9 plants/ft<sup>2</sup> or barley 21-28 plants/ft<sup>2</sup>. Sounds simple, right? This is where the plot thickens. There are two key categories that can have a huge impact on the ideal plant stand. The first is seed and all of the components that make good seed and the second is planting and all of the variables that impact best management practices around planting.

When it comes to seed, the industry talks about good quality seed. What does that mean? Usually, it starts with clean seed meaning seed in the ab-

sence of foreign material (chaff, weed seeds, other crop-type seeds, or damaged seeds). It is followed by knowing all of the attributes of that seed including germination percentage (number of seeds out of a hundred that germinate properly), vigor (how well seeds germinate under cold stress), disease screening (checking the sample for fusarium) and thousand kernel weight (TKW – weight of 1000 seeds in grams to determine seed size and that impact on seeding rate). With this information, a seeding rate can be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{TKW (g)} \times \text{target plant stand (plts/ft}^2\text{)}}{(\text{germination \%} \times (1 - \text{assumed seedling mortality}^*) \times 10)}$$

*\*Seedling mortality is the number of seedlings that will germinate but not produce a productive plant (5-20%)*

There are numerous online calculators to help navigate this calculation or discuss with your agronomist to review seeding rates for each crop or seed lot. As a side note, applying a seed treatment to the seed ensures that seed or soil borne disease is minimized and potentially reduce the seedling mortality and improve seedling emergence.

Once you have the seeding rate established, planting of the crop is where the rubber hits the road. Here are some of the key variables and how they can affect ideal plant stand,

- **Depth** – ½ - ¾" for oilseeds, 1 – 1 ¼" for cereals, 1 – 1 ½" for pulses. Seeding into moisture is always a key rule to include in double checking your seeding depth and setting your drill
- **Even Emergence** – critical for all crop-types especially oilseeds to help minimize insect issues from uneven emergence and maintain even staging throughout the growing season. Focusing on drill leveling and opener maintenance are key to even seed placement
- **Speed** – seeding speed is a key variable to how a drill performs in the field. The canola council has done vast research on the negative impacts of going too fast
- **Seed Placed Fertilizer** – industry standards of seed safe fertilizer rates are a key agronomic consideration depending on the type of opener you have, and the crop being seeded. Mortality in canola

happens quickly once the safe rate threshold has been surpassed

- **Crop Residue Management and Firm Seedbed** – both are very important to how most openers perform in the field. Such things as residue hair-pinning, seed stranding and seed depth variation all impact final plant stand
- **Post Seeding Issues** – watching for post seeding problems to occur like soil crusting, above or below soil surface insect feeding and premature or early weed emergence can all impact the final plant stand and need to be monitored and managed

Winter is a great time to plan, get organized and prepare for the upcoming planting season. The importance of getting all crop types in early has been proven to be beneficial to establishment and yield. Making sure that seed, equipment, fields, and logistics are all in place and ready could be the difference between an average and above average crop. Good luck with #plant2023.!

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

## FARMER PESTICIDE TRAINING

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

**DATE**  
MARCH 16, 2023

**TIME**  
9AM TO 4PM

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

SCAN TO REGISTER



### TO REGISTER:

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

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



## DEVELOPING CONTRACTS FOR AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES

**DATE: MARCH 9, 2023**

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

**LOCATION: PENHOLD MULTIPLEX**

(WASKASOO AVENUE, PENHOLD)

Contracts are a necessary tool in most agricultural businesses. Learn about writing contracts, what is to be included, and options to enforce whether your contract is with an oil and gas company or for agricultural production.

Cost is \$20+GST/participant.

Register via Eventbrite (scan QR code or visit <https://developing-contracts-for-your-agricultural-business.eventbrite.ca>) or call Jalene at 403-782-8959.





# AGRICULTURE

## CURIOUS ABOUT THE WATER QUALITY IN THE MEDICINE RIVER?

Join us for pizza and dessert as we present the 2022 Medicine River water sampling results.

6:00 PM | March 31, 2023

Gilby Hall  
(west of Bentley on Hwy 12)

Sponsored by the Medicine River Watershed Society.

For more info and to RSVP, email  
MedicineRWatershed@gmail.com

Do you know what to expect if you have  
**A SERIOUS INCIDENT?**

Maybe you have questions about  
**YOUTH WORKING SAFELY ON THE FARM?**



Learn more about these and other topics during the  
**2023 Growing Farm Safety**  
webinar series

AgSafe  
ALBERTA

### GROWING FARM SAFETY SERIES 2023

This webinar series finds important safety concerns for your farm or ranch and brings in an expert on the topic to help you learn how to manage these concerns.

- **January 31, 2023 at 1PM** - Protecting and Promoting the Health of Young Agricultural Workers with Dr. Diane S. Rohlman, Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health.
- **February 15, 2023 at 1PM** - Agricultural Fitness for Duty: Impairment in the Workplace Basics with Dan Demers, BSc., C-SAPA, CanAmm.
- **March 8, 2023 at 1PM** - ATV-UTV Safety for Women with Dan Neenan, Director, National Educational Center for Ag Safety.
- **March 21, 2023 at 1PM** - Farm Safety and Sustainability with Monica Hadarits, Executive Director, Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef.

Register for upcoming events at: <https://agsafeab.ca/webinars-and-workshops/growing-farm-safety-webinar-series/>.

**ALUS**  
LACOMBE

## Participate in ALUS

Are you a producer who wants to help your community?

Since 2017, in collaboration with the Partnership Advisory Committee, ALUS has worked with local farmers and ranchers to establish wetlands, native prairie, pollinator habitat and other projects on 237 acres of marginal land in Lacombe County.

Join Our Board!

ALUS.ca



“Conservation will ultimately boil down to rewarding the private landowner who conserves the public interest.”  
Aldo Leopold

For more information, contact ALUS Lacombe's program coordinator

**Karen Snethun**  
ALUS Lacombe  
780-909-7730  
ksnethun@alus.ca

## ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN WORKSHOP

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



Thursday  
March 23, 2023



10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Blackfalds Community Centre  
4810 Womacks Road, Blackfalds



LACOMBE  
COUNTY



SCAN TO REGISTER



### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Workforce Strategies Summit

### One Day Summit for all Employers!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You will be taking away great insights from our Keynote Speakers, economic development entrepreneur Chief Clarence Louie of the Osoyoos Indian Band and social entrepreneur and author Matt Tenney.

Your day includes light breakfast, lunch, and networking including business to business meetings.

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

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SECURING YOUR FARM FUTURE

JANUARY 25TH 2023  
5:00 - 7:30 PM  
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- ARTS CENTER -

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REPORT ON BUSINESS 2022 SHOOK  
CANADA'S TOP WEALTH ADVISORS  
BEST IN PROVINCE



**Economic Update**  
**MARTIN LEFEBVRE**, CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER AND STRATEGIST, NATIONAL BANK INVESTMENT  
Martin is responsible for the development investment solutions and the management of tactical asset allocation mandates, with over 20 years of experience in financial markets.



**Keynote Speaker**  
**TOM DEANS PH.D.**, INTERGENERATIONAL WEALTH EXPERT & BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF *EVERY FAMILY'S BUSINESS AND WILLING WISDOM*  
His speeches aren't just about money and clever tax plans - they're about giving people the confidence and inspiration to transition more than just assets to family and community. Deans reminds you that how we transition wealth is as important as what we leave behind.

**Register Here**



or Contact MacDougall Wealth Management 403-348-2600

In partnership with:



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## **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.



# SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Do you have  
questions about  
subdivision or  
development  
activity?

## Contact Us:

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

**Dale Freitag**  
Director of  
Planning Services

**Cajun Paradis**  
Senior Planner

**Natasha Wright**  
Planner / Development  
Officer

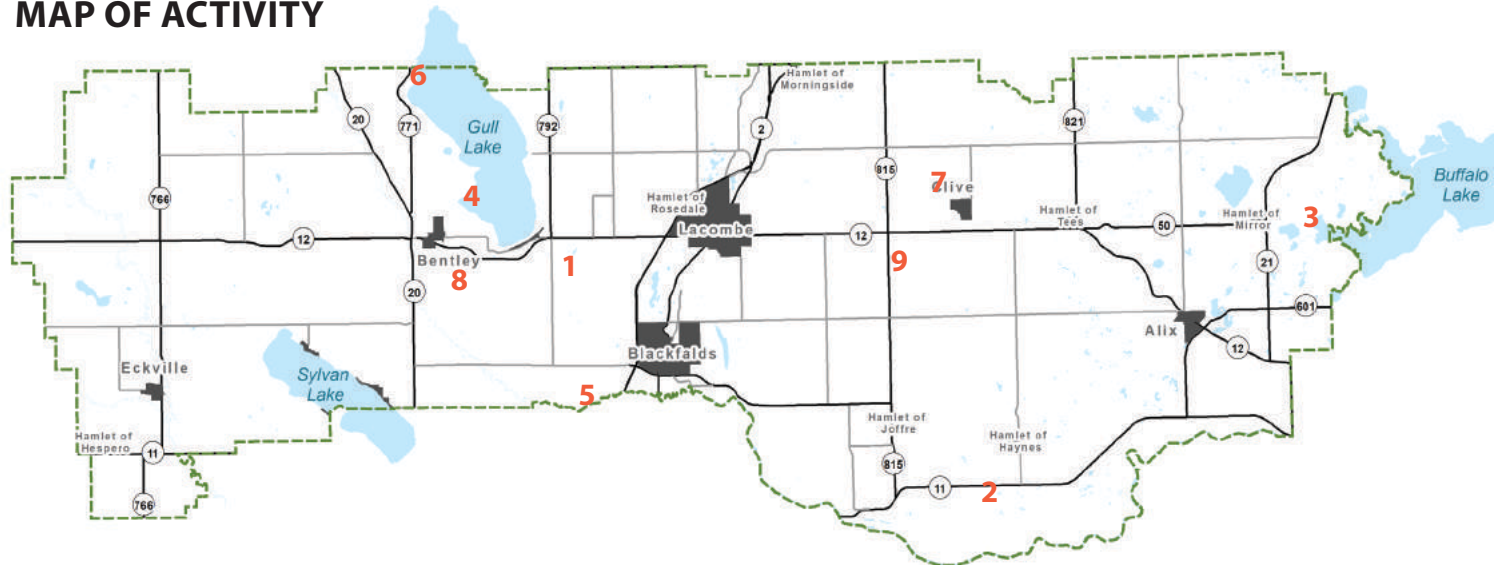
**Nicklas Baran**  
Junior Planner

**Monica Bartman**  
Economic Development  
Officer

**Allison Noonan**  
Planning Services  
Administrative Assistant

**Chelsey Teers**  
Planning Services  
Receptionist

## MAP OF ACTIVITY



## SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY December 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

### Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision (otherwise pending)
1	175/22	Connor Prins	Pt. NW 18-40-27-W4M	Home Based Business, Major (Bull Horn Asset Solutions Inc.)	Approved
2	176/22	Heartfaster Construction	Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 212 1497 (Pt. NW 24-38-25-W4M)	Residence, Single Family (Addition to Dwelling)	Approved
3	177/22	Hal B. Neis	NE 24-40-22-W4M	Residence, Single Family (Replacement Dwelling)	Approved
4	178/22	Delta Land Co. Inc.	Lot 2 Block 1 Plan 142 2128 (Pt. SE 1-41-01-W5M)	Retail, Minor (Renewal) & Addition to Admin Building	Approved
5	179/22	Bettenson's Sand & Gravel Co. Ltd.	NW 17-39-27-W4M	Sand & Gravel Pit (Renewal, Twente Farms Ltd.)	Approved
6	180/22	Sidney & Theresa Hoogendoorn	Pt. NE 33-41-1-W5M	Bed and Breakfast (known as Country View Cabins)	

### Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision (otherwise pending)
7	S-030-22	John & Angela deRegt	SW 1-41-25-W4M	1st Parcel Out	
8	S-031-22	Allen & Jan Bickford	NW 13-40-01-W5M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
9	S-032-22	Peter & Cindy Clark	NW 15-40-25-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Approved



# LEARN MORE | Renewable Energy in Alberta

Have you been approached about leasing your land to a wind or solar energy developer? Want to learn more about negotiating renewable energy leases?



The Alberta Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) has a guide that can help.

[Renewable Energy in Alberta](#) is available online ([access the guide by scanning the QR code to the right](#)) or by calling the Ag Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276).

For questions or more information on renewable energy development, contact Alberta Ag Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276) or visit their Alberta Ag Info Centre website.



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## Planning Services

### Frequently Asked Questions



Whether it's a dense urban megatropolis, a country residential subdivision, an industrial park, or a serene rural landscape, all areas need to be planned for the future, to ensure growth and development occurs in an orderly, sustainable, and organized manner – this is what **land use planning** is for! In Alberta, the main long-range plan that guides development in each municipality is called a **municipal development plan**!

#### Q1. How does the *Municipal Development Plan* work?

The *Municipal Development Plan* is adopted by Council by bylaw and is the guiding planning document for the County. The policies of the *Municipal Development Plan* provide the base for the *Land Use Bylaw*, which regulates all development in the County, and area structure plans, specific plans for certain areas (both will be covered in future articles). As such, the *Municipal Development Plan* directly determines the County's decision-making process with any proposal to rezone, subdivide, or develop a parcel of land.

#### Q2. Why does Lacombe County need a *Municipal Development Plan*?

Lacombe County is blessed by its location and unique landscape. Being situated on the Edmonton-Calgary corridor near Red Deer, with stunning lakes and rivers and a competitive tax rate, means Lacombe County is an attractive location for development.

Lacombe County is also a proud agricultural community. Our community has been a strong advocate for sustainable growth while ensuring contiguous tracts of agricultural lands, the rural character of the countryside, and significant natural features are protected for generations to come. As such, the County's *Municipal Development Plan* seeks to balance these land use interests. The Plan envisions Lacombe County to be a place where success grows through its comprehensive planning approach.

#### Q3. How was the *Municipal Development Plan* created?

In 2017, with Council direction, County staff conducted extensive research, analysis, and public engagement to craft a Plan sensitive to Lacombe County's unique context. In its public engagement, the County went to the public numerous times with outreach opportunities, public meetings, and surveys to gather as many perspectives as possible. Feedback was compiled and considered along with research on rural planning policies to craft the *Municipal Development Plan*. Due to this extensive public engagement effort, Lacombe County won **two provincially recognized awards** for excellence in public engagement for the development of the *Municipal Development Plan*!

#### Q4. Is the *Municipal Development Plan* only for developers?

No! The Plan encompasses all aspects of Lacombe

County – and includes policies for business operators, landowners, and residents of our rural, hamlet, and existing residential areas. The Plan is divided into six sections: (1) Our Agricultural Community; (2) Our Natural Environment and Recreation; (3) Our Economic Growth; (4) Our Built Environment; (5) Our Infrastructure and Technology; and (6) Our Municipal Leadership.

#### Q5. How do I use the *Municipal Development Plan*?

We encourage members of the public to use the *Municipal Development Plan* as an educational tool to learn about the County's planning policies, become informed on how the County's planning structure works, and learn how you can get involved with planning at the County.

Depending on your location and context, certain policies of the Plan may be applicable to you. Policies surrounding subdivisions, reserve dedications for developers, development in hazard-prone locations, and much more are found in the *Municipal Development Plan*. Lacombe County Planning Services is happy to help anyone looking for information on the County's planning policies. We can be reached at (403) 782-8389 or [planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com).



# Lacombe County's Long Range

Every year, the County updates its Long Range Planning Program to provide the public with information on when plans in their area will be up for review.

The County's Long Range Planning Program focuses on the County's statutory planning documents and the *Land Use Bylaw*.

Statutory planning documents include:

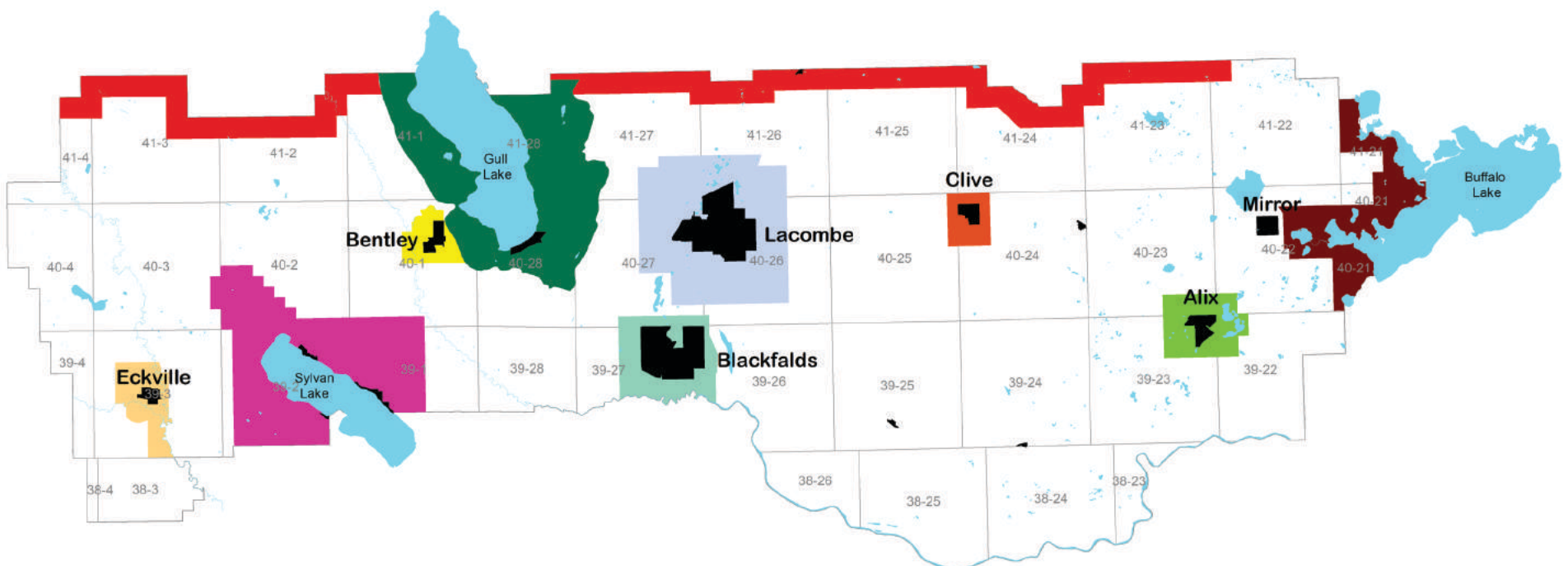
- Intermunicipal development plans – plans developed with neighbouring municipalities to coordinate collaborative land use planning and foster cooperation with our neighbours for joint success
- The *Municipal Development Plan* – the guiding long-range planning document for Lacombe County that determines how the County reviews rezoning, subdivision, and development proposals

- Area structure plans – specific, honed-in land use planning documents for specific areas in the County

In 2017, the County adopted a new *Municipal Development Plan* and *Land Use Bylaw* to better align its planning objectives with the current land use demands of the County and to respect the needs and desires of the community. As such, many of our older plans require some edits to ensure that the County's planning policies are consistent and in line with the community's vision for their local area.

The following two maps show lands in the County that fall under an intermunicipal development plan or area structure plan.











# Intermunicipal Development Plans in Lacombe County



This map shows generally the areas affected by area structure or outline plans. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check with the County's Planning Services Department as to the requirements that apply to development in these different plan areas. All proposals for development are also subject to the provisions of the any applicable Intermunicipal Development Plans, the County's Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw.

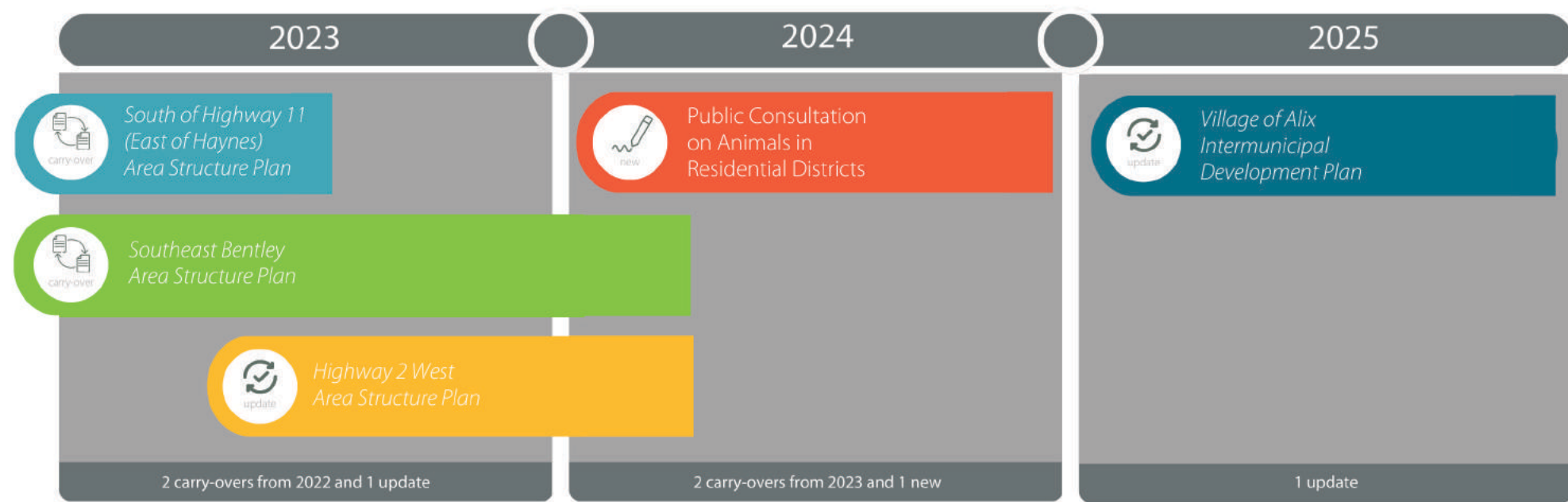
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## Plans

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|  Alix/Lacombe County IDP       |  Buffalo Lake IDP            |  Gull Lake IDP                      |
|  Bentley/Lacombe County IDP    |  Clive/Lacombe County IDP    |  Lacombe / Lacombe County IDP       |
|  Blackfalds/Lacombe County IDP |  Eckville/Lacombe County IDP |  Ponoka County / Lacombe County IDP |
| IDP = Intermunicipal Development Plan   |   |  Sylvan Lake IDP                    |



# Planning Program for 2023-2025



## 2023-2025 Long Range Planning Program

The 2023-2025 Long Range Planning Program has been adopted by Council, and includes the following:

In 2023, the County will complete its progress on the South of Highway 11 (East of Haynes) Area Structure Plan and will continue to work with the Town of Bentley on the Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan.

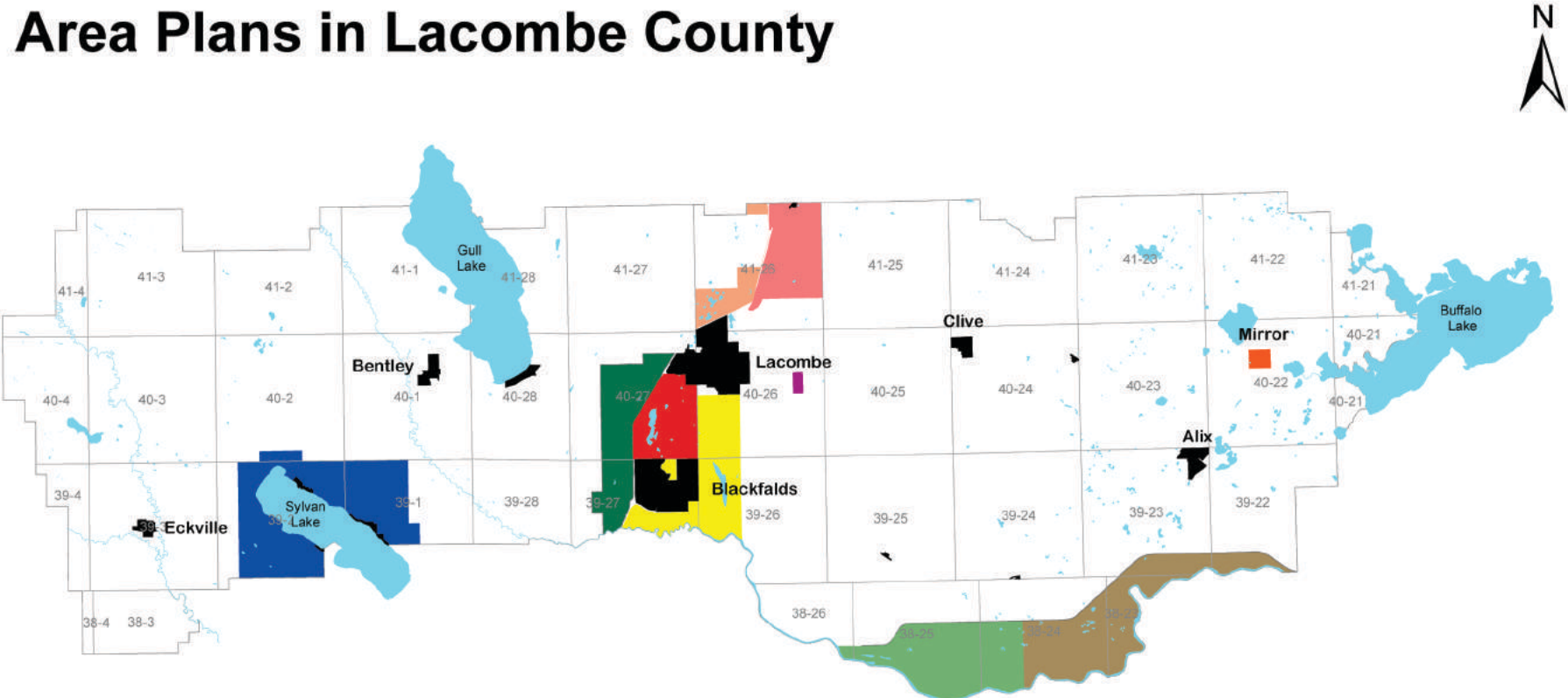
Further in 2023, the County will initiate the update of the Highway 2 West Area Structure Plan, which was originally adopted in 2012. This plan area has seen significant industrial and commercial growth in the past decade. With servicing infrastructure now available and a new Municipal Development Plan, an update is required.

In 2024, the County intends to initiate widespread community consultation on animals in residential districts to determine how the Land Use Bylaw regulations can be revamped. This is in response to many animal-related complaints and applications for additional animals.

In 2025, the County intends to work with the Village of Alix to update the Village of Alix / Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan, originally adopted in 2018. This update will ensure the Plan continues to meet the needs and expectations of both communities.

If you have any questions about the County's Long Range Planning Program, please contact Planning Services at [planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com) or 403-782-8389.

## Area Plans in Lacombe County



### Plans

This map shows generally the areas affected by area structure or outline plans. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check with the County's Planning Services Department as to the requirements that apply to development in these different plan areas. All proposals for development are also subject to the provisions of the any applicable Intermunicipal Development Plans, the County's Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw.

Updated: August 2022

- |   |                         |                                     |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Highway 11 (Joffre Bridge to Haynes) West ASP | Milton ASP              | Lacombe/Blackfalds Rural Fringe ASP |
| South of Highway 11 AOP                       | Mirror ASP              | Sylvan Lake ASP                     |
| Highway 2A Urban Corridor ASP                 | Parkview Industrial ASP | West of Highway 2 ASP               |
| QEII North ASP                                |                         |                                     |
- ASP = Area Structure Plan  
AOP = Area Outline Plan





## A BLAST FROM THE PAST: *Gilby Store painting*

Above is a painting of the Gilby Store that artist Sandra Dena Lutz painted from a photo submitted to her by local residents Jim Lawton and Karen Rivers. The painting captures Gilby Store circa the early 1970's.

Gilby Store was located northwest of Eckville on what is now Highway 12. It opened in 1909 and closed its doors in 1979. The Eckville Co-op, which celebrated its 100th birthday in 2012, got its start in Gilby as the Eckville and Gilby Co-operative Company.

Many area residents and visitors will fondly remember the large block of cheese where customers cut off the amount that they wanted to purchase, as well as the pop machine where the pop was cooled in water. The store also served as a post office for many years.

Prints of Sandra Dena's painting are available for \$70 each plus shipping by visiting her Facebook page, Sandra D. Lutz, Art.



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

## Long Service Recognition



**FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO |** The Eckville Arena Board bid farewell to Terry Engen, who served as the president of the Eckville Arena Board for 43 years, and Mary Reid, who has been the Treasurer of the Eckville arena for 34 years.

Both board members stepped down after attending their last meeting on December 15. Thank you for the many years of leadership and dedication that you provided for the Eckville Arena!

## Tax Installment **PAYMENT PLAN**



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or 403-782-3567



**EMAIL**

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



**ONLINE**

[www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com)  
Online Service Request



**MOBILE**

myLacombeCounty app  
iPhones only



**IN PERSON**

at the County Admin  
Office or Shop



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 12, 2023

### LONG RANGE PLANNING PROGRAM

The Long Range Planning Program 2023 to 2025 was adopted by Council as presented.

### RANGE ROAD 2-1 PUBLIC ACCESS

A joint letter from the Red Deer Presbytery Camps Society and the Calgary Kasota Camp Society expressing concern regarding public access to Sylvan Lake on Range Road 2-1 was presented for information. The subject road is under the jurisdiction of Red Deer County.

Red Deer County, the Red Deer Presbytery Society and the Kasota Camp Society have collectively worked together to address the issue by installing a tall chain link fence and improving the drainage in the area by installing cable fencing adjacent to the road to prevent vehicles from parking in the ditch.

### NORTHERN & REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The County Manager was authorized to apply for the Northern and Regional Economic Development Program grant for \$30,000. If approved, the County will match funding to create the action plans for Business Retention and Expansion, and Business Investment Attraction.

### SLRWWC 2023 OPERATING/CAPITAL BUDGETS & OPERATING PLAN

The Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater Commission budget for 2023 and the three-year operating plan were received for information. A letter will be forwarded to the Commission stating that Lacombe County has no comments or questions regarding the proposed budget.

### LACOMBE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS – RED DEER POLYTECHNIC

Lacombe County's 2021/2022 endowment report from Red Deer Polytechnic was presented for Council's information. Lacombe County's endowment annually funds three \$1,850 scholarships.

### TAX CANCELLATION REQUEST

A motion that Lacombe County cancel the \$440.05 late payment penalty levied on tax account #3901294002 did not receive Council approval.

### RMA MEMBER SURVEY

A brief survey from the RMA to give the membership an opportunity to provide input into the strategic direction for the RMA was presented for consideration. The County Manager was directed to advise the RMA that Lacombe County is supportive of RMA's current mission, vision, values and roles.

# Join our team

## EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

(Permanent, Full-Time)

Reporting to the County Manager, this senior-level administrative position provides comprehensive administrative support to the County Manager. This position works in cooperation with Council, staff, other government bodies, and the general public.

The Executive Assistant is primarily responsible for coordinating the day-to-day activities of the County Manager's office, for the preparation of Council meeting agenda packages and minutes, and for providing legislative, governance and procedural support.

**Please note: This vacancy is due to an upcoming retirement. A cross-training plan to ensure a successful transition has been arranged.**

**We hire great people to contribute to our respectful workplace.**

**The deadline to apply is February 2, 2023. \*Interviews will be scheduled for February\***



**For a full job description and application details, visit our website:  
[www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com).**

## Regularly Scheduled Meetings for Lacombe County Council

**Committee of the Whole** - First Tuesday of every second month at 9 a.m.

**Council & MPC** - Second and fourth Thursday of every month, starting at 9 a.m..

***The public and media are welcome to attend all Council & MPC meetings. An agenda will be posted to the website prior to the meeting.***

## Snow Removal Concerns



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

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

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



# The Winter Driving Habits That Could Cost You

Alberta drivers know that our winters can make road conditions slippery and dangerous, and that means that being on the road during those months carries more risk than during dry summer months. Unfortunately, many drivers have some bad driving habits that could result in an accident or a roadside emergency that result in injuries or worse. These winter driving habits could mean increased vehicle insurance rates, and they are also dangerous – so this winter, make sure to break them.

## Driving Too Fast for Road Conditions

Speed limits don't change during the winter months, but the rate of speed that is safe for current road conditions does. Many people aren't aware of it, but law enforcement officers can use their judgment to determine what speed is safe and appropriate for the current state of the roads. That means that you can get a ticket for driving too fast for road conditions even if you're doing the speed limit. Furthermore, road conditions can turn what might normally be a basic speeding ticket into a more serious violation for careless driving. When roads are slippery, snowy, or visibility is poor, slow down and proceed with caution. Otherwise you could pay both a ticket fine and on your insurance rates.

## Failing to Use Winter Tires

It's true that a good set of snow tires can get you through most weather. But winter tires exist for a reason. In

the deep cold of Canadian winters and the slick road conditions that result from ice and packed snow, traction is everything. Winter tires are designed to hold up to the cold and to grip the road better even when it's icy. The accident that could result from not having these tires on your car might cost you a whole lot more than a new set of snow tires. They can also save you some money on your insurance bill.

## Skippping Maintenance and Running the Gas Tank Low

During the winter it's vital that your car be in top condition so that it can run properly even in the cold. It's also important to keep enough gas in your tank and never run low, especially when you are driving out in the country. Finding yourself stranded in freezing conditions is dangerous, and if you are stuck on the side of the road in poor visibility, you become a potential hazard to other drivers as well. Keep up on regular maintenance, be sure to have all your fluids updated for the winter, and make sure you always have enough gas to get where you are going.

## Failing to Adjust Stopping Distance

When roads are slippery, it takes longer to bring a car to a stop. The faster you are moving, the harder it is to stop and the more time you will need. During the winter it's important to adjust your stopping distances to account for ice and snow on the road. That means following cars in front of you less closely, and starting to brake sooner when there is



a stop sign or red light ahead. Pay attention to amber lights so that you can start braking with enough time to come to a safe stop. Your braking habits in the winter should be much more cautious than when the roads are dry. Get in the habit at the first snowfall and stick to it throughout the winter. Remember that in most cases, road conditions don't change the fault determination in an collision.

## Skippping Visibility-Improving Steps

When you're in a hurry it can be tempting to pull out of the driveway before the windshield is completely defrosted or with frost on the mirrors. It's also easy to forget how dirty headlights and taillights can become especially during the early and late winter. But driving without taking the time to clean and

clear all windows and lights is a dangerous and potentially costly proposition. It means not only that you can't see as well as you should, but that others can't see you as easily. It can cause a collision that could cost you on your insurance rates, or even worse, result in injuries.

There is no good time for bad driving habits, but during the winter months it becomes even more vital that you stick to good, safe driving habits and try even harder to improve them. During the winter when road conditions get dangerous, you may need to adjust some of your regular driving habits to ensure you're safe on the road. Not doing this can cost you in more ways than one.

## Maintain a Safe Following Distance (*The 3 Second Rule*)

No one likes to be tailgated, yet millions of people do it every day. Some do it because they are running late or impatient, while others tailgate out of spite or "road rage." Still others follow too closely out of sheer ignorance of its dangers. Tailgating is by far one of the most dangerous habits a driver can pick up. Drivers are at the highest risk of rear-ending a vehicle when they are following less than 2 seconds behind the vehicle in front of them. When drivers have to stop abruptly, tailgaters are often left with little or no time to brake. Following too closely to the vehicle in front of you is asking for trouble, but fortunately there are some ways you can avoid a tailgating accident.

**Good Weather** - During daylight with good, dry roads and low traffic volume, you can ensure you're a safe distance from the car ahead of you by following the "three-second rule." The distance changes at different speeds. To deter-

mine the right following distance, first select a fixed object on the road ahead such as a sign, tree or overpass. When the vehicle ahead of you passes the object, slowly count "one one thousand, two one thousand, three one thousand." If you reach the object before completing the count, you're following too closely. Making sure there are three seconds between you and the car ahead gives you time and distance to respond to problems in the lane ahead of you.

**Inclement Weather, Heavy Traffic, or Night-Time Driving** - In heavy traffic, at night, or when weather conditions are not ideal (eg. light rain, light fog, light snow), double the three second rule to six seconds, for added safety.

**Poor Weather** - If the weather conditions are very poor, eg. heavy rain, heavy fog, or heavy snow, start by tripling the three second rule to nine

seconds to determine a safe following distance.

**Tailgating** - Following a vehicle too closely is called 'tailgating'. Tailgating is an aggressive driving behaviour that is easily mistaken for road rage. Use the

three-second rule to avoid tailgating. Most rear end collisions are caused by the vehicle in back following too closely. If someone is tailgating you, move to another lane or turn off the road as soon as possible and allow the tailgating vehicle to pass.





## LACOMBE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS & A YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The Lacombe Museum is pleased to make two announcements pertaining to the growth and development of the organization: it will be expanding the volunteer Board of Directors for the first time in its 52-year history; and the future development of a Youth Advisory Committee.

The Lacombe Museum is currently seeking dedicated and enthusiastic individuals to join the Board of Directors. BOD members work alongside Lacombe Museum staff to shape the future of the Museum and help re-envision the heritage experiences of Central Alberta while preserving our community's unique history, culture, and art. At the March 2023 AGM, LDHS will add two new general director positions to the Board, and fill a vacant position.

"As the organization has continued to grow and evolve over recent years, the current Board has recognized the need for additional leadership and representation to help us achieve our goal of making our museum a place that truly reflects and serves our community. The addition of more voices at this governing level is in line with the organization's sustainability and inclusion goals." – Melissa Blunden, Executive Director, Lacombe Museum.

If you are interested in joining our governing team, please email your resume and a statement of interest to Ms. Blunden at [director@lacombemuseum.com](mailto:director@lacombemuseum.com)

In 2022, LDHS initiated a project to establish a new Committee Development Group of various community organizations with the goal to create a Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) in Lacombe. While still in the planning

phases, YAC will provide youth with the chance to have a say in future decisions related to arts, culture, and heritage in the region. For the Lacombe Museums, this is specifically concerning the development of exhibits, engagement, and programming at the museums. Opportunities will also include sports, community events, after school activities, and more. More details about the Youth Advisory Committee, including how to sign up, will be available in the near future.

"These are two unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the direction and success of the Lacombe Museum, and the arts, culture and heritage experiences in Central Alberta. We encourage the community to get involved with us." – Melissa Blunden, Executive Director, Lacombe Museum.

**For more information on either of these opportunities, please contact:**

**Melissa Blunden**  
LDHS Executive Director  
[director@lacombemuseum.com](mailto:director@lacombemuseum.com)  
403-782-3933

### About the Lacombe Museum

Located in Lacombe, AB, the Lacombe Museum is operated by the Lacombe and District Historical Society and operates three buildings: The Michener House Museum, the former Grace Methodist Church parsonage and birthplace of populist Governor General Daniel Roland Michener; The Blacksmith Shop Museum, the oldest operational blacksmith shop in Alberta; and the iconic Flatiron Building Museum in downtown Lacombe.

More information about the Lacombe Museum can be found at: [www.lacombemuseum.com](http://www.lacombemuseum.com).

## FLATIRON EXHIBIT SCHEDULE 2023



**The Lacombe Museum is excited to announce its lineup of exhibitions for 2023. This year's schedule features a range of topics, from winter sports and community hubs to art and language.**

**Winter Sports in Lacombe**, curated by the Lacombe Museum, will kick off the year from January 13 to April 15. This exhibition will explore the history and culture of winter sports in the Lacombe area, including popular activities such as skiing, skating, and hockey. Exhibit Presenting Partner is Reds Source for Sports.

**Country Halls Community Hubs**, also curated by the Lacombe Museum, will run from April 28 to July 1. This exhibition will examine the role that community halls have played in shaping the social fabric of rural Alberta. Exhibit Presenting Partnership is Vesta Energy.

**Repurpose: Group Art Exhibition**, curated by the Lacombe Museum, will be on display from July 14 to September 26. This exhibition will showcase the work of local artists who have repurposed everyday objects into works of art. Exhibit Presenting Partnership is Vesta Energy.

**Cree: The People's Language**, curated by the Canadian Language Museum, will be on display from July 17 to July 28. This exhibition will delve into the rich history and cultural significance of the Cree language, one of Canada's Indigenous languages. Exhibit Presenting Partnership is Vesta Energy.

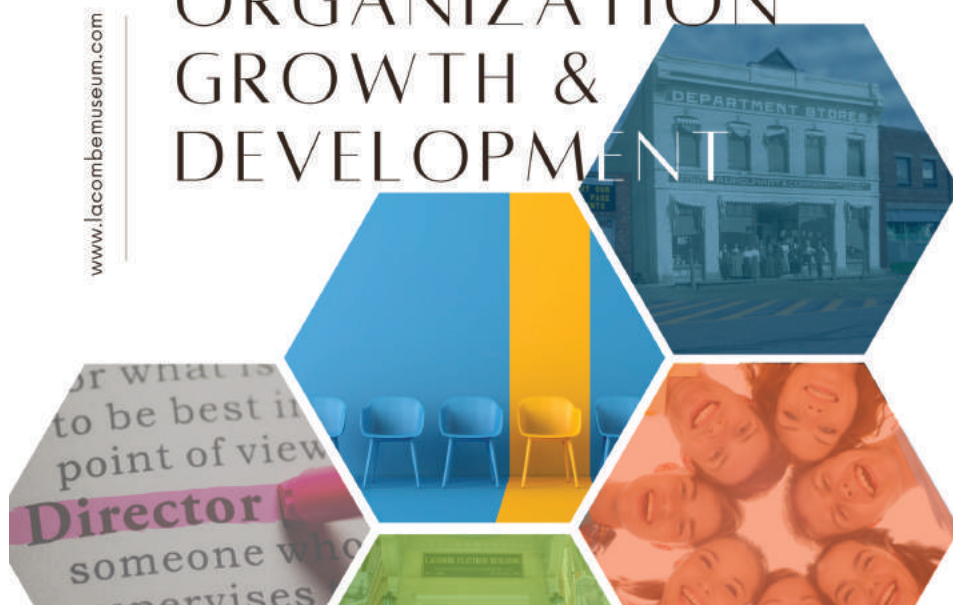
**Speaking the Inuit Way**, curated by the Canadian Language Museum, will be on display from October 6 to December 2. This exhibition will explore the unique language and culture of the Inuit people of the Arctic region. Exhibit Presenting Partnership is Available. Please contact us for more details.

**The Ones We Met: Inuit Traditional Knowledge & the Franklin Expedition**, curated by the Canadian Museum of History, will round out the year from October 6 to December 30. This exhibition will feature stories and artifacts from the encounters between European settlers and Indigenous peoples in Canada. Exhibit Presenting Partnership is Available. Please contact us for more details.

We hope to see you at one or all of these exciting exhibitions in 2023!

More information about the Lacombe Museum can be found at: [www.lacombemuseum.com](http://www.lacombemuseum.com)

## ORGANIZATION GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT







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**ST. STEPHEN PARISH HALL**  
5128-53 Street, Lacombe, Alberta

**Friday, January 27, 2023**  
5:30 to 7:30

**\$25.00 each, 10 yrs. & under \$10.00**

For tickets call:  
**Ron: 403-782-5576 | Bob: 403-782-2359**  
**Church office: 403-782-3615**



## Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission

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

## HOME ALONE

Jan. 28/23 9-4  
Basement of Bentley town office  
Ages 9 & up

This course will prepare your child to feel safe at home.  
• Basic first Aid  
• How to handle Emergencies  
• Home Safety  
• How to feel and stay safe

**\$45**  
includes manual and course

Please bring snacks/lunch

Must have a min of 6 students to run max 12

To register contact:  
Carolyn McLaren  
403-704-3315



## POTLUCK PLAY

JAN 25/23 WEDNESDAY

If you have children 0-18  
This event is for you!

Come join us for supper and time to visit, play games or just hang out!  
this is a great way to come out as a Family and meet other families!

spaghetti and meatballs  
Please Register by:  
Jan. 23/23  
Carolyn: 403-704-3315  
carolyn.mclaren@mcmcentral.ca








Are you an aspiring farmer looking to gain skills and knowledge that match the ecological and regenerative values you hold? Are you feeling the farming bug, but not quite ready to take the plunge and launch your own business? Young Agrarians and our network of exceptional mentor farmers are offering advanced, hands-on farm apprenticeships in regenerative agriculture. Participants with a serious interest, curiosity and commitment to full-time farming are invited to apply.

Our apprenticeships are a full immersion program that puts you into the heart of running a farm business, day in and day out. Our carefully selected family of farm mentors have diverse expertise and skill sets — their farm philosophy is guided by a holistic framework that recognizes the connectedness of the land and people. Although farm activities will be different on each farm, the core activities will involve care of soil, pasture and livestock, farm direct marketing, and using sustainable practices for cereal, grain, and vegetables.

**Full program details at: <https://youngagrarians.org/tools/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-program/>**

**Duration:** Most apprenticeships last 8-12 months, however some farms offer 4-6 month programs. Start dates and end dates will be determined by the host farm and apprentice.

**Hours:** Work hours will vary with the season; however, apprentices are prepared to work 6-days a week. Living on a farm, you will be presented with constant change. While summer months offer abundance and long hours; winter brings shorter days, cold weather, and a slower pace. If the apprenticeship

extends to the off-season, apprentices will learn about business planning and marketing, and/or focus on special projects, such as building and repairs.

**Compensation:** The greatest benefit to apprentices is the opportunity to become fully immersed in the daily labor and operation of their host operation. Room, board, and stipend packages vary from farm to farm. Housing is safe, secure and internet is available on each farm.

Learn more at <https://youngagrarians.org/>.

**BENTLEY**

**STAY & PLAY**

**FRIDAY**

**MORNINGS**

**9:30 - 11:30**

**BASEMENT OF**

**BENTLEY TOWN OFFICE**

**FREE**

**Jan. 13/23**

**Come socialize with other families with children 0-6**

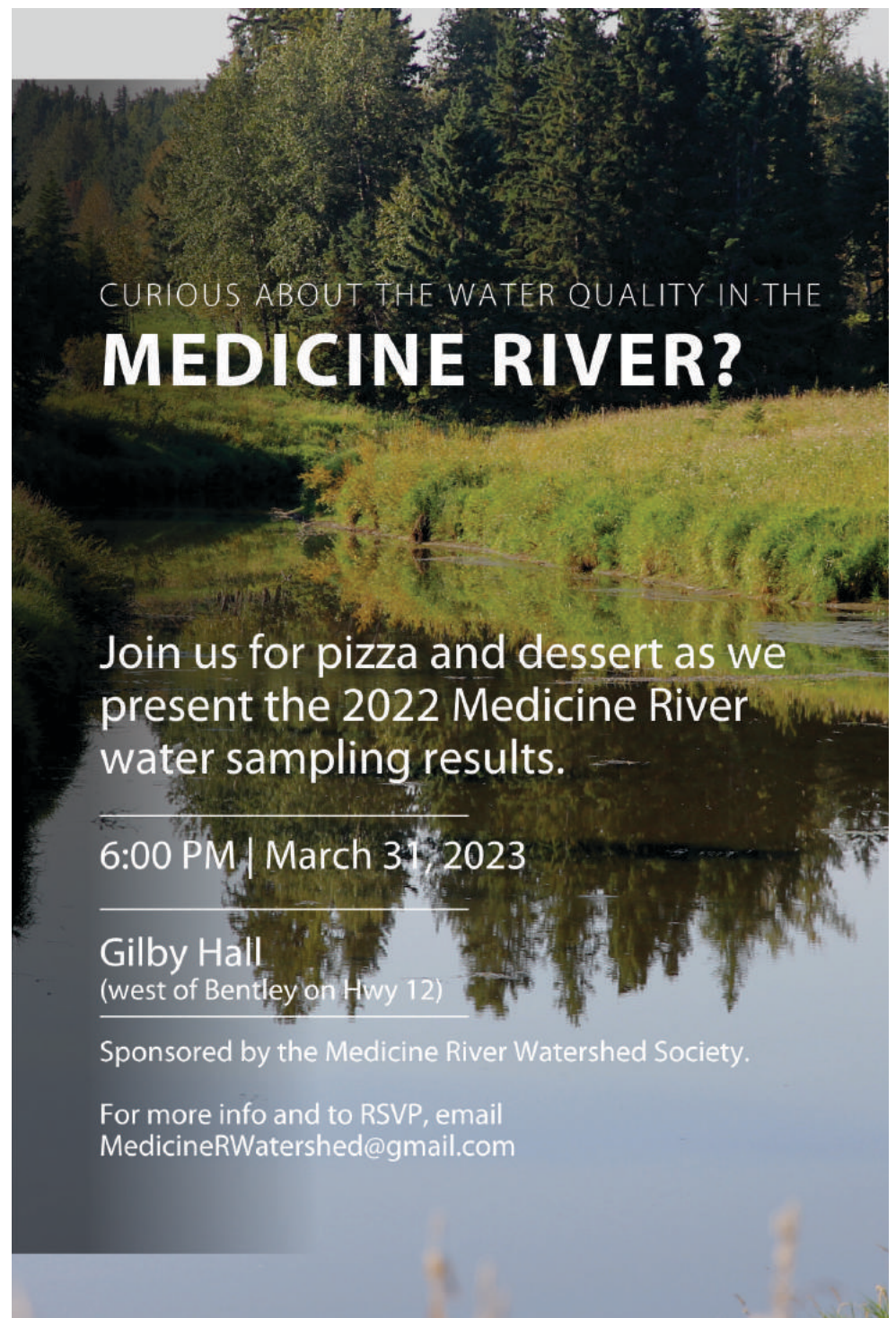
**Come Play with different activities each week!**

**Contact Carolyn McLaren**

**for more information:**

**403-704-3315**





CURIOUS ABOUT THE WATER QUALITY IN THE

## MEDICINE RIVER?

Join us for pizza and dessert as we present the 2022 Medicine River water sampling results.

6:00 PM | March 31, 2023

**Gilby Hall**  
(west of Bentley on Hwy 12)

Sponsored by the Medicine River Watershed Society.

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

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# AROUND THE COUNTY

## WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

### Activities & Highlights

#### Virtual Mental Health Supports-

AHS: Free mental health therapy is offered for children, adults and seniors. Services can be booked daily, virtually Monday- Friday, from 10AM - 12PM & 1PM - 2PM. Contact us to arrange.

Rapid Access Counselling: Available for individuals, couples and families, free. Book online, Monday-Friday, by secure video or phone, including some evenings. Follow the link to learn more and to book:

[https://rac.janeapp.com/?utm\\_source=sendingblue&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20October%2019%202022&utm\\_medium=email&fbclid=IwAR0sJlHAPoO4ceb3ARkIB3Yc2hCPhuhzQZKgMcJEbYVzvK4gbl6J9lzo#discipline//treatment/3](https://rac.janeapp.com/?utm_source=sendingblue&utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20October%2019%202022&utm_medium=email&fbclid=IwAR0sJlHAPoO4ceb3ARkIB3Yc2hCPhuhzQZKgMcJEbYVzvK4gbl6J9lzo#discipline//treatment/3)

We have offices and technology support if you need a confidential space, do not have a device or WiFi, please contact us for help!

#### COMING SOON-

Watch for more info on a drop-in Adult Card Night starting soon... AND watch for more details coming soon on NEW family activities.

#### AMWSS 2022 Giving Campaign-

We want to thank all of you for your continuous support! \$10,797.50 was donated during the recent giving campaign. Thank you Donors: Della Mae Thull, Chain Lakes Gas Co-op, Premier Auctions, John & Allison Ireland, Ember Resources, Angela & James Gessleman, Western Financial, Sandy Kubash, Servus Credit Union and proceeds from the 2022 Rafflebox 50/50. None of this would be possible without your support...

#### Connecting Clans: Monthly Events

All ages are welcome! Attend on the last Monday, from 6:30PM-8:30PM. Held at the Community Connections Activity Centre (Bay 2).

#### Monthly Grief Support Group-

Gather with others who are experiencing loss in a welcoming and confidential space. All ages are welcome. Hosted monthly on the 3rd Thursday, at 7PM.

### Services Available

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

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

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### GRANT WRITING 101 WORKSHOP

Take the free online Grant Writing Course (or numerous other Non-Profit Courses) at: <https://www.alberta.ca/lookup/non-profit-online-courses.aspx>

Grant writing ...ugh. Sound familiar? For many non-profit volunteers and staff, grant writing can seem like a time-consuming task in creative writing, with the payoff being the luck of the draw. The truth is, with steep competition for limited grant dollars, a well-written grant is only part of the success formula. This video series covers core proposal and grant writing skills, how to avoid common pitfalls, understanding what funders look for, and tips on maintaining good relationships with your funders.

### GRANT WRITING 201 WORKSHOP - LACOMBE

**Date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023

**Time:** 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Location:** In the Lacombe County Room at the Lacombe Memorial Centre

**Visit [www.lacombe.ca/grants](http://www.lacombe.ca/grants) to register and to see Lacombe's local grants.**

Hear application tips from the administration that oversees these grant funds. Learn the do's, don'ts and common issues in grant writing at the local level. Suggested Prerequisite – Grant Writing 101

Supper is included with your free registration by February 21, 2023.

**For more information email [recreation@lacombe.ca](mailto:recreation@lacombe.ca) or call 403-782-1251.**

Monday to Thursday



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# AROUND THE COUNTY

## Early Onset Dementia Alberta Foundation (EODAF)

is pleased to host an information session on:  
The Alberta Elder Abuse Awareness Council (AEAAC) a provincial organization dedicated to increasing awareness of elder abuse and supporting a community response to addressing this family violence issue.

**When:** Date: Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup>/23  
Time 7 PM MST

**Where:** Virtual Session Hosted on Zoom by:  
Early Onset Dementia Alberta Foundation (EODAF)

Presented by: AEAAC  
Name Joanne Blinco



**Who:** Everyone

**What:** In this session we will discuss; what the AEAAC does, what is elder abuse, what are the types of elder abuse, what are the Indicators of abuse and neglect and who commits elder abuse. We look at why older adults don't report and what puts some at risk. Lastly, the resources in the province address this concern.

**How:** Contact: rep@eodaf.com

## JANUARY

MARY C. MOORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Adult & Family Programs

JAN 3	JAN 7	JAN 10	JAN 12	JAN 17
<b>MCMPL Book Club:</b> discussion meeting The Ocean at the End of the Lane 7pm in the library	<b>LEGO in the Library</b> 10:30 am	<b>Genealogy Club meeting</b> 4:30pm Kinsmen Room	<b>Book Talk: NF Club</b> discussion meeting: The Comfort Book 7pm in the library	<b>Doug Morrison Presentation</b> 6pm Kinsmen Room
JAN 18	JAN 20	JAN 26	JAN 31	
<b>4Eyes Film Series</b> THE LAST BUS 7:00pm @ Lacombe City Cinemas	<b>Nailed It! Paint Night</b> 6:30pm Kinsmen Room	<b>Where the Wild Books Are:</b> <b>Parent+Child Book Club</b> discussion meeting: Fablehaven 6:30pm in the library	<b>Poetry Tea Time (Homeschoolers)</b> 2pm in the Library  <b>Adult Craft Night</b> 7pm in Kinsmen Room	

#### January Contests & Events:

January 4th is **Registration Day** for our Children's Programs! For ages infant-13. Register in person or by telephone (NO voicemails please!)  
**Blind Date with a Book** returns! January 16-February 13. Check out a 'blind' book and have a reading adventure. More info on this event in the library.

#### Monthly Programs:

**Library Spice Subscription:** ready for pick up mid-month, for registered subscribers  
**Knit and Stitch:** Returns Jan 9th! This is a drop in club for knitters, crochet-ers, and other makers every Monday at 11am OR 7pm in the Library

**More information on these programs on our website: lacombelibrary.com**

Program Coordinators:

Miranda miranda.cl@prlab.ca Kirstin kbouwsema@prlab.ca  
call us 403-782-3433



## Happiness Basics



### Free Workshop!

Happiness Basics is a **SIMPLE, POSITIVE, EMPOWERING** workshop. It is a facilitated workshop for people who want to learn to be happier. Happiness Basics moves people to ACTION.

The program teaches low tech and low-cost skills that should be accessible to everyone. The participant's manual engages participants to use the skills they learn in class throughout the week and after the program is finished.

#### Who is this program for?

Adults (18+) who want to be happier, whether they are depressed, languishing, or flourishing. You do not need a diagnosis to take this program.

#### In-person class at the Lacombe Memorial Centre:

Wednesdays, 1:30pm - 3:30pm, February 1, 2023 to March 15, 2023

Contact the Wolf Creek Primary Care Network (WPCPN) at info@wpcpn.ca or call 403-782-1408 for more information or to register by January 26, 2023.

All WPCPN Group Programs and Workshops are provided for **FREE!**

For further information on WPCPN group classes and workshops go to:  
<https://wolfcreekpcn.com/programs-and-classes/>

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## Make a

# SPLASH

at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre

5429 53rd Street

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

#### What's Happening at the pool:

- Watch for February Break and March Break special schedules
- February Break program registration is now open
- Spring and March Break programming registration opens Tuesday, January 17.
- February is fitness month! 2 for 1 admission or membership holders can bring a friend for free for all lane swims and water fitness classes.
- Pool closed February 18 for Junior Lifeguard Club swim meet.

If you would like to volunteer contact smitchell@lacombe.ca

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



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



Located in the Eagle Builders Centre  
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403-886-2343

We have a lot of exciting new fall programs for all from babies to adults. Check out our socials for our current program calendars.

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# FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	FEB 1	2	3	4
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## COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICERS

Lacombe County Community Peace Officers **DO NOT** have the authority to deal with criminal activity.

- Lacombe County peace officers:
- Protect County road infrastructure
  - Enforce traffic infractions on County roads
  - Provide enforcement services (i.e.. Cattle Drives)
  - Inspect properties (Planning & Development / Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)).

**Please Note:** Peace Officers do **NOT** have the same authority as Police Officers. If you suspect criminal activity, contact your local RCMP detachment or dial 9-11.

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## Lacombe County Directory

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	Planning Services - 403-782-8389
	Community Services - 403-782-8959
	Operations - 403-782-8379
	Public Works Shop - 403-782-3567

### General

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

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