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## Lacombe County appoints new fire chiefs for Clive and Alix fire departments

Lacombe County is pleased to announce the appointments of Steve Zaytsoff as District Fire Chief for the Clive Fire Department and Corrie Anderson as District Fire Chief for the Alix Fire Department. Both individuals bring decades of combined experience, deep ties to the fire service, and a shared commitment to public safety, leadership, and community service.

On June 17 (Clive) and June 19 (Alix), Change of Command ceremonies were held to officially recognize the leadership changes at these district departments and welcome the new fire chiefs to their departments.

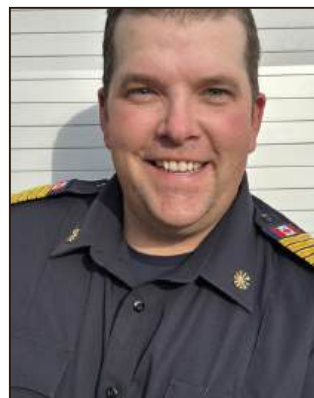
"These two individuals exemplify the professionalism, dedication, and community spirit we value in our fire service leadership," said Dave Bain, Lacombe County's Manager of Fire & Emergency Services. "Steve and Corrie have earned the respect of their peers through their experience and integrity, and I am confident they will continue to build strong, effective, and community-focused departments in Clive and Alix."

### Steve Zaytsoff – District Fire Chief, Clive Fire Department

For Steve Zaytsoff, firefighting is more than a career—it's been part of his life since childhood.

"The fire department has been part of my family for years," said Zaytsoff. "Since I was young, I always knew I wanted to be part of it."

Steve's journey began in 2004 through Lacombe Composite High School's work experience program. At just 19, he completed his NFPA 1001 training at Lakeland College. Over the years, he advanced through the ranks of the Clive Fire Department, serving as a firefighter, captain, and, most recently, deputy fire chief. In his former role, Steve was responsible for day-to-day operations, incident command, and supporting training efforts. He has also participated in provincial wildfire deployments, including deployments to Nordegg, Fox Creek, and most recently Swan Hills and Red Earth—experiences that further shaped his leadership under pressure.



Above: Steve Zaytsoff  
Below: Corrie Anderson



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## Lacombe County expands solar capacity at satellite shops

Lacombe County continues to make strides toward greater energy efficiency and long-term cost savings with recent solar expansions at its two satellite shop locations: the Tees Shop and the Rainy Creek Shop near Sylvan Lake. These projects were made possible with support from the Government of Alberta through the Municipal Electricity Generation Program administered by the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC).

Originally constructed in 2016 with 10.2 kW solar arrays, both facilities received major upgrades in 2025. The Rainy Creek Shop now includes a 24.4 kW solar expansion, while the Tees Shop saw a 27.8 kW addition. With these enhancements, each location now generates enough solar energy to fully

offset its annual electricity consumption. The installations were completed by Empower Energy.

"Adding solar to these facilities is about more than energy savings—it's about building smarter for the future," said Barb Shepherd, Reeve of Lacombe County. "By investing in clean, local energy, we're making our infrastructure more resilient and reducing long-term costs for our residents."

"We applaud Lacombe County for their foresight in 2016," said MCCAC Executive Director Trina Innes, "and are proud to provide this investment in their future."

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# Lacombe County Environmental Stewardship Award now open

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

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

## Nomination Process:

- **Open Period:** July 15, 2025, to September 30, 2025.
- **How to Nominate:** Submit nominations in person or via email to [jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com](mailto:jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com). Include full contact information of the nominee and a detailed description of their environmental efforts.

## Eligibility:

- Must be a resident/organization in Lacombe County.
- Recipient can only win once.
- Nominations must be submitted by September 30, 2025.
- Forms available at [www.lacombecounty.com/EnvironmentalAward](http://www.lacombecounty.com/EnvironmentalAward).
- **Award:** A one-time cash prize of \$1,500 will be awarded, recognizing significant contributions to environmental stewardship.

## About the Environmental Stewardship Award:

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

encompassing educational and sustainability initiatives. This program was extended by the Council in 2023 due to its success.

## Past Winners:

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

## Lacombe County Proposes Off-site Levy to Fund Road Improvements in South Sylvan Lake Area

Lacombe County is taking steps to improve road infrastructure in the South Sylvan Lake Area by proposing a new off-site levy bylaw (Bylaw 1442/25). This levy is to fund the upgrading of County roadways from gravel to paved asphalt, as well as intersection improvements, within the South Sylvan Lake Area.

The initiative is part of a long-term plan to enhance road safety and accessibility in anticipation of future growth, while ensuring that the cost of these improvements is fairly distributed among new developments. The off-site levy fund will only apply to new development areas that benefit from these improvements, and is based initially on a development horizon of 20 years.

The proposed off-site levy is set at \$23,769.00 per hectare, reflecting the proportional cost of road and intersection upgrades within the identified benefitting area. This levy would apply only to lands that are rezoned or where a change in land use increases traffic intensity. It's important to note that some existing residential developments within the area have already contributed to similar improvements through a previous per-lot levy.

Residents and stakeholders interested in additional project information or accessing the complete review conducted by WSP, can visit the project website at [www.lacombecounty.com/offsitelevy.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com/offsitelevy.com).

Public feedback is encouraged. Concerns or questions should be submitted to Lacombe County's Planning Services department by August 29, 2025. After this date, Lacombe County will begin the process of bylaw adoption, which will include a public hearing. You will be notified about the public hearing, where you will have the chance to address County Council regarding the proposed bylaw. For more information, please contact Cajun Paradis, Manager of Planning Services, at 403-782-8389 or [planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com).



## FROM PIT TO PARK

### SURVEY | Abma Pit Concept Plans

Lacombe County is planning to reclaim the pit into a new public recreational area, and we want YOUR input!

Lacombe County held a public open house on July 15, about a future recreation area. The Abma pit is nearing its end of life with aggregate extraction to be complete in the coming years.

Check out the concept plans and fill out the survey via the link or QR code below.

**Survey closes on August 7.**



for more information

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



## Update your Mailing Address!

If your address has changed, make sure to notify us. Call 403-782-6601 or email [info@lacombecounty.com](mailto:info@lacombecounty.com).

We also recommend updating the title of your property with Alberta Land Titles. You can obtain a form from us, by calling 780-427-2742, or online <https://www.alberta.ca/land-titles-overview.aspx> (under Change of address and name).





# Continued from front: County welcomes new fire chiefs



Now stepping into the role of District Fire Chief, Steve is focused on expanding the department's membership and enhancing its training programs.

"I'm excited to give back to the Clive community in a meaningful way," said Zaytsoff. "We have a strong department and a great group of volunteers. I'm looking forward to building on that foundation and helping our team grow even stronger."

Outside the firehall, Steve enjoys golfing and spending time with his wife and two children. He encourages anyone interested in volunteer firefighting—particularly those available during the day—to reach out and consider joining the Clive department.

**Corrie Anderson – District Fire Chief, Alix Fire Department**

Corrie Anderson began his fire service journey

in Northwestern Ontario in 1992—an experience sparked by tragedy but driven by community.

"A good friend of mine was in a fatal motor vehicle collision, and the way the local volunteers stepped up really left an impression on me," said Anderson. "It made me realize I wanted to give back in the same way."

Since then, firefighting has become a core part of Corrie's identity. He has held positions as firefighter, captain, and deputy chief across two departments. In addition to his volunteer roles, Corrie works in the oilfield industry as an operations manager and emergency responder, bringing a wealth of hands-on knowledge in incident command and safety protocols. When the opportunity arose to lead the Alix Fire Department, Corrie saw it as a natural next step in his service.

"This is how I give back," said Anderson. "Some people coach sports or volunteer at clubs—this is my way of supporting the community."

As District Fire Chief, Corrie's top priority is recruitment. He aims to grow the team while strengthening its already strong sense of camaraderie.

"The Alix department feels like a second family," he added. "We're a tight-knit crew, and I'm proud to be part of it."

Corrie spends his free time with his family, camping and fishing in Central Alberta. Like many volunteer departments, Alix Fire is always looking for new members and welcomes anyone interested in joining their team.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Lacombe County would like to thank both outgoing fire chiefs for their dedication and commitment.

**Darren Hiron, Fire Chief, Alix Fire Department (2015-2025)** Darren began his dedicated service with the Alix Fire Department in 2000, motivated by a desire to give back to his community and supported from day one by his employer, Rahr Malting. Over the next 25 years, he witnessed—and helped guide—the department's evolution from a small regional service into an integral part of the Lacombe County Fire Service, peaking at 35 active members. In 2015, Darren was appointed Fire Chief, a moment he describes as one of the proudest of his career. His commitment deepened in 2005 when he, his wife, and their two daughters were involved in a serious car accident. Darren and his wife were critically injured in a car accident—only to be rescued by the very team he had joined, a memory he carries with him always.

As he steps down from the chief's role, Darren plans to continue his work with the Alix Medical First Response Team, as a medical first responder and asks the community to rally behind the department's next chapter.

"Please support your fire department by volunteering or backing our team—your involvement is crucial to keeping our service strong and delivering life-changing help when it matters most. It's an amazing feeling to give back to your community."

**Monte Zaytsoff, Fire Chief, Clive Fire Department (1992-2025)** Lacombe County extends its sincere thanks to Monte Zaytsoff, who served as District Fire Chief of the Clive Fire Department for an incredible 33 years. Throughout his tenure, Monte provided steady leadership, mentored countless firefighters, and helped shape the department into the respected and capable team it is today. His dedication to public safety, commitment to his community, and decades of volunteer service are deeply appreciated and will leave a lasting legacy in Clive and Lacombe County.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Both District Fire Chiefs will work closely with Lacombe County's Manager of Fire & Emergency Services and local municipal leaders to guide their departments, mentor volunteers, and strengthen fire services within their communities. Lacombe County extends a warm welcome to Steve and Corrie and looks forward to the positive impact they will bring to their teams and the people they serve.

## 2025 FARM FAMILY AWARD



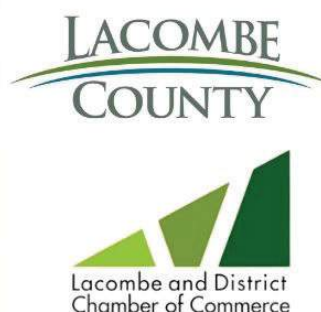
Lacombe County and the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce have partnered for the 2025 Farm Family Award to celebrate the achievements and contributions of ranch and farm families within our community!

**Nominees must demonstrate one or more of the following:**

1. Achievements and/or innovations in technical farm production
2. Sustainability practices
3. Family Farm business management
4. Agriculture Industry involvement
5. Community and rural citizenship

Visit [www.lacombecounty.com/FarmFamily](http://www.lacombecounty.com/FarmFamily) for more information and to find the nomination form!

Nominations are open until **August 15, 2025**





# HOW TO RUN FOR COUNTY COUNCIL



What you need to know for a successful campaign

## KNOW THE ROLE

Councillors help guide decisions on roads, development, budgets, and services. You can learn the role by:

- Attend a Council meeting (in person or listen virtually).
- Talk to current councillors.
- Learn what's involved by attending a webinar.



## SUBMIT A NOTICE OF INTENT

Let Lacombe County know you're planning to run. Here's what you need to know:

- Fill out Form 3A – Notice of Intent.
- Submit before September 2025.
- Available online or at the County Office.

## GET NOMINATED

Make sure you're eligible to run:

- Be 18+ and a Canadian Citizen on Nomination Day.
- Live in Alberta for 6+ months prior to Nomination Day.
- Live in Lacombe County, within the Division you intend to run in, for 6+ months prior to Nomination Day.

Have your Nomination Form filed IN PERSON to the County Office by NOON on September 22, 2025. It needs to have the signatures of five (5) eligible voters from your division on it.



## GET READY FOR ELECTION DAY

Promote your campaign and track your donations/spending.

Attend information sessions or webinars to help your prepare.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!**

RUN FOR COUNCIL IN 2025

Information, resources and forms available at [www.lacombecounty.com/Election](http://www.lacombecounty.com/Election)

## Nominations are OPEN

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

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



**2025**  
Municipal Election

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✓ Your COUNTY  
✓ Be the VOICE!

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## MUNICIPAL ELECTION | Get informed about running for Council

Considering running for Lacombe County Council? Are you ready to make a difference in your community?

If you're considering running for local council in a rural Alberta municipality, this is the perfect opportunity for you! Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) and Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) are hosting a webinar to help you prepare for this year's election.

Join this informative session to learn about:

- The roles and responsibilities of County councillors
- Insights from experienced councillors and guest speakers
- Key information to help you decide if local office is right for you

**THE LAST SESSION is August 13, 2025 (7:30PM)**  
**Location: Online (register via link below)**

**Can't attend this session?** You can watch past webinars and find a list of the frequently asked questions. Visit the Rural Municipalities of Alberta website to register or learn more: <https://rmaalberta.com/advocacy/municipal-election-awareness/>.



## Register to vote to make your mark

→ [voterlink.ab.ca](http://voterlink.ab.ca)



Questions? Please email the Returning Officer:  
[returningofficer@lacombecounty.com](mailto:returningofficer@lacombecounty.com)

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# SAFETY FIRST



## FIRE PITS:

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



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

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

## Ticks in Lacombe County What you need to know

You might not think of ticks when you think of Lacombe County, but they are here! Recently, ticks were found in Soper Natural Area (east of Blackfalds). Do you know what to do if you find a tick on you, a family member, or a pet?

Ticks are most active in warmer months and can be found in tall grass, wooded areas, and even urban parks. While most ticks are harmless, some can carry Lyme disease—a serious bacterial infection that can affect both people and animals if not treated early.

### If You Find a Tick:

- Remove it carefully using fine-tipped tweezers. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or crush the tick.
- Clean the bite area and your hands with soap and water or rubbing alcohol.
- Save the tick in a sealed container or plastic bag (you can add a moist paper towel to keep it from drying out). Mark the date and where on the body it was found.
- Submit the tick for identification. In Alberta, ticks can be submitted to Alberta Health for testing. Learn more at <https://www.alberta.ca/tick-surveillance>.

### Watch for Symptoms

After a tick bite, monitor for symptoms such as rash, fever, fatigue, or joint pain—especially in the weeks following the bite. Early treatment is key if Lyme disease is suspected.

### Protect Yourself Outdoors

- Wear long sleeves and pants in wooded or grassy areas.
- Use insect repellent that contains DEET or Icaridin.
- Do a full tick check after being outdoors—including pets and gear.

### Learn More

The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation (CanLyme) offers helpful resources for identifying ticks, recognizing Lyme disease symptoms, and staying safe outdoors.

Visit [www.canlyme.com](http://www.canlyme.com) for more information.

## FIRE PERMIT SEASON

is March 1 - October 31

Do you have a Fire Permit?  
**SUBMIT IT ONLINE BEFORE BURNING!**



mobile requests  
through the website



online  
Fire Permit Request



call into the office at  
403-782-6601

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

## Stop means stop: Stop signs aren't a suggestion

In recent months, Lacombe County has seen a troubling number of serious accidents and near misses at intersections — many caused by drivers failing to obey stop signs.

Stop signs are not suggestions. They are legal requirements designed to prevent collisions and keep everyone on the road safe. Rolling through or ignoring a stop sign puts you, your passengers, and other road users at serious risk.

Rural intersections can be especially dangerous due to higher travel speeds, limited visibility, and the mix of vehicles — from farm equipment and school buses to commercial trucks and personal vehicles. Stopping fully gives you time to assess the intersection and proceed safely.

### We're asking all drivers to take this seriously.

- Make a complete stop. Look both ways.
- Yield when required.
- And only proceed when it's safe to do so.

A few seconds of caution can prevent a lifetime of consequences.



## STOP SIGNS AREN'T A SUGGESTION

KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE FOR EVERYONE





# MIRROR CORNER



## Build stronger communities this summer

Would you like to build a stronger community and meet your neighbours?

Stop by the Blackfalds RCMP, Red Deer County Office or Lacombe County Office and pick up a Road Party Kit!

Included in your Road Party Kit is:

- Coupons from local businesses to help with your event.
- Ideas on how to organize a road party.
- Invitation template.
- Donation box for Rural Crime Watch.
- USB stick with forms and a place to include photos.
- Name tags
- Clip board
- Instructions on setting up a WhatsApp with your neighbours
- Sign in sheet for your WhatsApp
- Rural Crime Watch Membership application.

Learn more at [www.rdruralcrimewatch.com](http://www.rdruralcrimewatch.com).

### Mirror Dog Tags

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

Lifetime license fees:

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

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

To order your new tag or view full bylaw details, visit [lacombecounty.com/dogcontrol](http://lacombecounty.com/dogcontrol) or call 403-782-8959.

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

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

### Jolly Seniors

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

### Booking Mirror Community Hall

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

### Mirror and District Museum

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CN Rail crossing delays

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



# OPERATIONS

## CONSTRUCTION SEASON REMINDER

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

All notifications and maps can be found at [lacombecounty.com](http://lacombecounty.com) under Construction Notifications (in Quick Links).

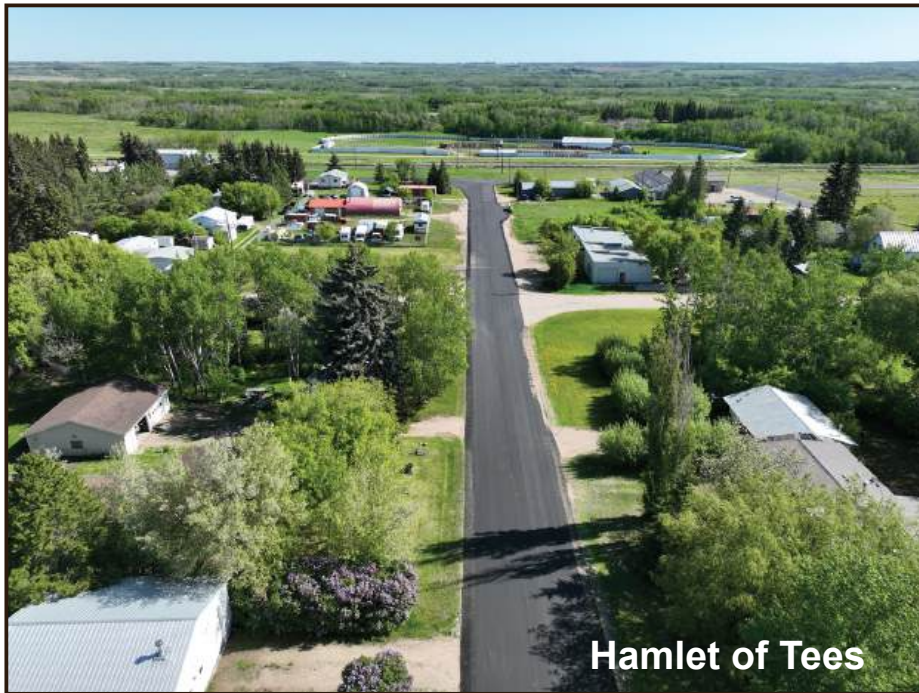
## Paving project updates

As part of Lacombe County's Paving Projects for 2025, the following have been completed:

- McLaurin Lane for 1 km
- Hamlet of Tees (Railway Avenue, McNabb Street and Main Street) for 1.5 km.

The contract was awarded to TJ Paving Ltd in February 2025. The contractor mobilized in May, and the work has now been completed

The scope of work included asphalt concrete pavement overlay



Hamlet of Tees



McLaurin Lane

## NOTICE OF WEIGHT RESTRICTION on Bridge 80605

Lacombe County advises drivers of the change in traffic patterns due to safety concerns on the bridge's structure. Bridge 80605 (NW 22-38-3 W5), south of Twp Rd 38-4 on Rge Rd 3-3 (Tributary to the Medicine River), will be restricted to 10-tonne weight loads starting Monday, June 16, 2025. Road users must meet restrictions or use an alternate route. The County is doing its best to fix the bridge promptly; therefore, the restriction will remain in place until appropriate improvements or remedial work can be completed.

Please refer to the diagram for the bridge location. Please watch for and obey the posted signage.



## ROAD CLOSED FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Lacombe County will begin bridge replacement work on Bridge File 1759, located at SW 5-41-24 W4M (a tributary to Parlbay Creek), starting July 14, 2025. As part of this project, a section of Range Road 24-5 will be closed to through traffic and accessible to local traffic only. The road closure is necessary to safely complete the demolition and construction of the new bridge.

The project is expected to be completed by September 1, 2025, weather permitting. Detour routes will be clearly marked, and signage will be in place to guide motorists around the construction area. Lacombe County reminds all drivers to obey posted signage and use caution when travelling in the area.





## **\*\*NEW\*\* NO DOGS ALLOWED ON SANDY POINT BEACH**

To keep Sandy Point Beach clean, safe, and enjoyable for all, dogs are no longer permitted on the beach (leashed or not). This does not apply to service dogs.



## Don't get left in the dust!

If you missed the May 15, 2025 deadline, don't worry! You can still get a fall application for Dust Control. If you are interested in having Calcium Chloride in front of your residence or place of business, please contact Cassandra at the County shop at 403-782-3567.



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

Please contact us if you would like to get on the list for fall applications **before August 8, 2025**.

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

If you are interested in finding out more about the County's Dust Control Program, please call Cassandra at 403-782-3567, Ivy at 403-782-8379 or email [operations@lacombecounty.com](mailto:operations@lacombecounty.com)



## **LOTS FOR SALE**

**Deadline: August 18, 2025**

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

Lot(s)	Block	Plan	Details
3	25	7159AI	Roll #4022502503 – Improved Commercial Property – Hamlet of Mirror <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address: 5115 50th Avenue, Mirror</li> <li>384 sq. ft. retail/restaurant building (built in 1930) on a 3,380 sq. ft. lot</li> <li>Serviced with water/sewer, power, and natural gas</li> <li>Structure shows signs of deferred maintenance and may require significant repairs</li> </ul>
4	25	7159AI	Roll #4022502504 – Vacant Commercial Lot – Hamlet of Mirror <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address: 5113 50th Avenue, Mirror</li> <li>3,380 sq. ft. unserviced parcel with services available nearby</li> <li>Zoned Hamlet Core Commercial (H-C) – no structures on site</li> <li>Ideal for redevelopment</li> </ul>
A portion of: W4; 27; 39; 17; NW			Roll #3926173003 – Vacant Agricultural Land (0.66 acres) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Located east of Blackfalds near Highway 597 and the CN Rail Line</li> <li>Zoned Agricultural (A) and unserviced</li> <li>No buildings or improvements – raw land</li> </ul>

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

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

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

**Proposals will be received at Lacombe County Administration Office until 2:00 PM on Monday, August 18, 2025.**

**For more information, contact:**  
Gail Klassen, Lacombe County  
Email: [gklassen@lacombecounty.com](mailto:gklassen@lacombecounty.com)  
Phone: 403-782-6601  
Fax: 403-782-3820

### PROPERTY SALE MAPS

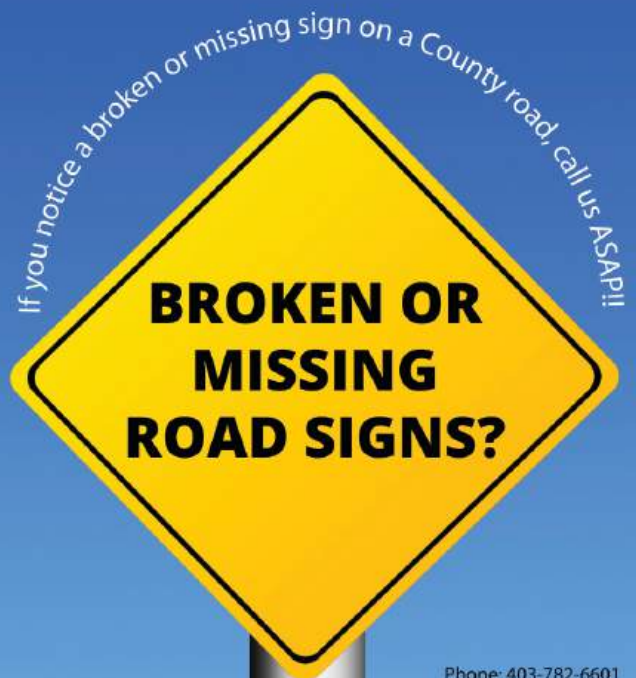


## A FRIENDLY REMINDER **TAX DEADLINE: AUG. 31**

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



Pay your property taxes BY AUGUST 31, and avoid any late tax penalties! Learn more at [www.lacombecounty.com/taxes](http://www.lacombecounty.com/taxes).



Phone: 403-782-6601  
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# ENVIRONMENT

## Lacombe County whistle cessation at rail crossing

As required by Transport Canada, Lacombe County is issuing notice that Lacombe County Council passed a resolution to discontinue the practice of train whistling at **Township Road 40-0 (Lakeside/Sargent Road) at Leduc Subdivision mile 13.54.**

The County has completed consultation with Canadian Pacific Kansas City Rail, who has confirmed this location meets whistling cessation requirements. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-6601.

## Environmental Sustainability Award - NOMINATIONS OPEN!



### Nominations OPEN

July 15 - September 30

### How to Nominate?

Fill out the form (located on our website). Submit in person or email [jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com](mailto:jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com)

### Criteria

Resident OR organization in Lacombe County. Can only win ONCE.

## (Continued from front) Lacombe County expands solar capacity at satellite shops

Through programs like the Municipal Electricity Generation Program, municipalities can take meaningful action to improve energy efficiency, reduce emissions, and model climate leadership. These solar expansions are part of Lacombe County's broader commitment to environmental stewardship and resilient infrastructure that serves residents and businesses alike.

About the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre Lacombe County acknowledges the invaluable support of the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC). The MCCAC is a partnership between Alberta Municipalities, the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the Government of Alberta. Funding for the Municipal Electricity Generation Program was provided by the Government of Alberta.



## LACOMBE COUNTY RESERVE LAND SOME SIMPLE RULES



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

### 1. PROTECT THE PLANTS

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



### 2. NO BUILDING ALLOWED

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



### 3. STICK TO THE DESIGNATED PATHS

Keep OHVs on designated trails.



### 4. LEAVE NATURE ALONE

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



### 5. NO SIGNS OR ADS

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



### 6. SHOW RESPECT FOR SIGNS & STRUCTURES

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



### 7. KEEP THE AREA CLEAN

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



### 8. RESPONSIBLE CHEMICAL USE

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



### 9. RESPONSIBLE WASTE DISPOSAL

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



### 10. NO CAMPING ALLOWED

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



### 11. THESE ARE PUBLIC LANDS

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



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# AGRICULTURE

## FOR RENT Pasture Sprayers

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



**RENTAL RATE - \$50.00/DAY**

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

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

**ATTENTION COUNTY RESIDENTS:**

## MOWING PROGRAM

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

**THESE ITEMS COULD INCLUDE:**

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

**THANK YOU!**

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COUNTY**

## Introducing the CARA Soil Health Lab

*By Ken Lewis, ALUS Lacombe Coordinator*

For a long (long) time now, I've seen more than a few presentations on the importance of soil health.

Until recently, we in central Alberta didn't have too many local resources to turn to, to help us better understand the full picture of soil health: chemical, physical, hydrological, and most importantly, the biological.

In 2018, the CARA (Chinook Applied Research Association) Soil Health Lab began operating. It's grown since then, and is now offering soil testing to producers.

A soil test results report from the CARA Soil Health Lab might look a little different to producers used to seeing soil test reports from others. The CARA version includes things like "Wet Aggregate Stability", "Microbial Respiration", "Water Infiltration Rate", "Active Carbon" and others.

Again, the goal is to give you the farmer / rancher, a more complete picture of your soil's health.

Together with ALUS Red Deer County, we are very pleased to be hosting an informative mini-workshop, featuring Dr. Yamily Zavala, CARA Soil Health Lab Manager. It will be on Monday August 18, from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM, at the Red Deer County Centre.

The session will include an overview presentation from Dr. Zavala and field demonstrations of soil wet aggregate stability, soil compaction assessment, soil bulk density sampling, water infiltration and how to field sample for soil health testing.

To register, please contact me (403-505-9038 or [klewis@rdcounty.ca](mailto:klewis@rdcounty.ca)) or Jenna Dell, ALUS Lacombe Field Technician (403-392-4616 or [jdell@rdcounty.ca](mailto:jdell@rdcounty.ca)).



## MICROBES, MINERALS AND MYTHS

with Dr. Don Huber, Emeritus Professor of Plant Pathology, Purdue University

August 11, 2025

9AM-12PM

Lunch at 12PM

Arbutus Community Hall

Join us for a thought-provoking two-part lecture series with Dr. Don Huber, a long-time researcher and educator in the fields of plant pathology, soil microbiology, and nutrient interactions. Dr. Huber brings decades of academic and field experience to bear on complex questions about soil health, plant disease, and the unintended consequences of modern agricultural practices.

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# Changes to the Agricultural Container Recycling Program



## Agricultural Container Recycling

Effective January 1st, 2025, Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission no longer accepts the <23L agricultural containers (Eckville, Alix/Mirror, and Prentiss). Retailers in Lacombe County that will take your agricultural pesticide and fertilizer containers for

recycling are:

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

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

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

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

Large volumes of empty <23L agricultural containers (>25 bags) can be arranged for on farm pickup by calling Clean Farms at 877-622-4460.

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

# Discover farm life during Alberta Open Farm Days 2025

August 16–17 | Free, Self-Guided Tours Across Lacombe County and Alberta

Alberta Open Farm Days is a collaborative, province-wide, two-day event that gives Albertans a backstage pass to farm life. Visitors can explore working farms, meet local producers, and see firsthand how food is grown, raised, and produced in Alberta. It's also an opportunity to taste local products, experience Ag-tourism, and better understand the vital role of agriculture in our province.

This year marks the 13th annual Alberta Open Farm Days, and the 2025 theme—"Water: The Lifeblood of Every Farm"—shines a spotlight on the importance of water in agriculture. Farms across Alberta will share unique stories about their connection to water, showcasing the systems and strategies they use to support sustainability and growth.

Whether you visit a single farm or map out a full day of stops, Alberta Open Farm Days is a free, family-friendly way to explore Alberta's agricultural roots—and right here in Lacombe County, we have a great lineup of local hosts.

## Local farms to visit in (or near) Lacombe County

### Deep Roots Farm (Lacombe County)

Tour a working garlic farm, meet the animals, visit the farm store, and enjoy kids' crafts. A garlic-braiding class is also offered (registration required).  
Tour times: 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. both days.

### Gull Lake Honey (Gull Lake area)

Sample fresh honey, explore the hives, and shop from their local honey products.  
Expected hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.

### Hardway Ranch (near Eckville)

Visit a regenerative beef cattle operation that incorporates eco-buffers and water-focused land management practices.  
Open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

### Little Farm on Wall Street (near Eckville)

Enjoy U-pick flowers, a market, classic car displays, and family-friendly activities.  
Sunday only. Tours at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

### Billyco Junction Ltd. (east of Lacombe)

A popular U-pick destination for fruit, vegetables, and flowers with a self-guided farm experience.  
Open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.

### Chill-It Farm (near Sylvan Lake)

A small garden-focused homestead with fresh produce and a passion for sustainable living.  
Check online for hours and activities.

### Ellis Nature Centre (formerly Ellis Bird Farm)

Featuring bird and bee habitats, nature trails, and interactive activities, this stop combines education with hands-on fun for all ages.  
Open both Saturday and Sunday.

## PLAN YOUR VISIT

More than 150 farms across Alberta are opening their gates this year. Visit the official Alberta Open Farm Days website to browse the full list and chart your own route:  
[www.albertaopenfarmdays.ca/ofd-farms/](http://www.albertaopenfarmdays.ca/ofd-farms/).

Use the "Add to Trip" tool to create a custom itinerary and find out what each farm offers—including special events, tours, and food options.

## CORE EXPERIENCES OF ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS

- Explore local farms and producers
- Learn how your food is grown and raised
- Discover a wide range of Alberta-made products
- Connect with your local farming community
- Experience behind-the-scenes farm life—often inaccessible to the public

# GET A GLIMPSE OF FARM LIFE AT ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS

PROVINCE WIDE, AUGUST 16 & 17, 2025

Learn more about participating locations & plan your Open Farm Days events by scanning this QR code or visiting:

[albertaopenfarmdays.ca](http://albertaopenfarmdays.ca)



DISCOVER. TASTE. LEARN

## HELPFUL TIPS FOR A GREAT DAY

- Wear comfortable shoes and bring sunscreen, water, and a hat
- Pack a cooler if you plan to purchase farm-fresh items
- Many stops include family activities, petting animals, and local markets
- Check each farm's listing online for tour times and any registration requirements

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Alberta Open Farm Days takes place August 16 and 17, 2025. Whether you're interested in agriculture, supporting local producers, or planning a fun day with the family, there's something for everyone—right here in Lacombe County and across the province.



# LACOMBE COUNTY **SPOT** *light*

## 52 NORTH VENUE

*Where Rural Charm Meets Modern Elegance*

Tucked away just 10 kilometres north of Sylvan Lake, 52 North Venue is one of Lacombe County's hidden gems — a modern, industrial-chic event space surrounded by the quiet beauty of seven wooded acres. Owners Katrina (Kat) and Devon, both originally from Central Alberta, created the venue after seeing a gap in the local market for a space that blended big-city style with countryside character.

52 North Venue features a stunning 3,500 square foot reception hall with soaring ceilings, a brick feature wall, polished concrete floors, and plenty of natural light. Designed as a blank canvas, the space gives clients the freedom to bring their vision to life — whether that's a rustic wedding, a sleek corporate retreat, or a community celebration. The venue comfortably accommodates up to 200 guests and offers complete vendor flexibility, with no restrictions on caterers, or décor professionals. Even better, there are no corkage fees, giving clients full control over their budget and experience.

Unlike most venues that rent by the hour or day,

52 North offers exclusive weekend bookings so guests can relax and enjoy the pace of country life. The property includes on-site accommodations for up to 14 people, including a luxury suite that sleeps six and a separate four-bedroom guesthouse affectionately named "The Vault." With morning coffee on the deck, hot tub access, and the ability to host until 3 a.m., it's the kind of place where lasting memories are made.

To make planning even easier, Kat and Devon have partnered with local experts, including Roadpop Event Co. and event coordinator Lori Angebrandt, to offer a range of in-house services. From signature cocktails and fully staffed bar service to décor rentals, layout design, and rehearsal coordination, couples and event organizers can tap into a full suite of options that are as professional as they are personalized.

The venue has quickly built a reputation for outstanding service and attention to detail. Clients regularly highlight how supportive, responsive, and down-to-earth the owners are — going above and beyond to ensure every event runs

smoothly. As one review noted, "This is your dream venue! Kat and Devon bend over backwards to make sure you have everything you need."

Conveniently located just off Highway 20 at 1224 Township Road 40-0, 52 North is easily accessible from both Edmonton and Calgary. Nearby accommodations, campsites, and natural attractions make it an ideal destination for weekend-long getaways, weddings, and gatherings.

52 North Venue is currently accepting bookings for 2026 and 2027, with off-season specials still available for select 2025 fall weekends.

To learn more or to book a tour, visit [www.52northvenue.ca](http://www.52northvenue.ca), or contact Kat directly at [info@52northvenue.ca](mailto:info@52northvenue.ca) or (403) 877-5288.

Lacombe County is proud to be home to creative entrepreneurs like Kat and Devon, who are redefining what rural business success looks like — blending innovation, hospitality, and community pride at every turn.



**52 North**  
VENUE

*Garden Party*  
May 31, 2025

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**Top Left:** 52 North Venue Garden Party – Left to Right: Kesaly, Allan, Lori, Kat, Devon, Brynn

**Top Right:** Lock wall – *Photo from Lorianne Raquelle Portraiture*

**Bottom Right:** [www.leahtylerszuckiphotograph.ca4401](http://www.leahtylerszuckiphotograph.ca4401) *Photo from Lorianne Raquelle Portraiture*



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Agriculture & Value-Added Business Opportunities: *Cultivating more than crops in Lacombe County*

Agriculture is the backbone of Lacombe County's economy and always has been. From family farms to large-scale operations, agriculture plays a vital role in shaping the identity, culture, and prosperity of our municipality. But today's ag industry is evolving, and many of our producers are exploring new ways to grow. And not just what they produce, but how they do business.

Across the County, we're seeing an exciting rise in value-added agriculture. Opportunities where farmers, growers, and processors take raw agricultural products and turn them into something more. Think of it as "ag-plus." It could be a dairy producer creating farm-fresh gelato. A greenhouse owner adding on-farm retail or hosting tours. A beekeeper bottling small-batch honey or branching into cosmetics. A crop grower partnering with a craft brewery. These are real, local examples of how adding value adds income, resilience, and connection to the consumer.

One well-known example is Doef's Greenhouses, a homegrown success story recognized across Alberta for its steady growth, innovation, and commitment to sustainable food production. What started as a small family operation has grown into a leading greenhouse enterprise supplying major grocers, all while staying rooted in Lacombe County.

Looking ahead, the soon-to-be-open Dairy Innovation West facility in South Asplund Industrial Park is another exciting development. With Lacombe County's high concentration of dairy farms, this facility could unlock new opportunities for custom processing, product development, and regional collaboration. It's a great example of how infrastructure investments can support diversification on and off the farm.

Of course, Doef's and Dairy Innovation West are just two pieces of a much larger picture. Across Lacombe County, countless producers are exploring agritourism, specialty foods, on-farm experiences, and direct-to-market

sales. Whether it's a flower farm offering U-pick events, a greenhouse building seasonal retail, or a beekeeper branching into niche wellness products — local entrepreneurs are finding creative ways to grow beyond traditional models.

If you're a producer who's thinking about what's next or wondering what might be possible, there are regional supports and tools available. From grant programs to commercial kitchen access, market development, and business planning support, we're here to help connect you with resources to turn ideas into action.

If you're ready to explore new ways to grow, let's talk. Success grows here! — and your next chapter of success might be closer than you think.



### Show your Albertan side.

Every corner of our province is packed with hard working folks dedicated to producing high quality goods, from food and clothing to construction materials. When you buy local, you not only keep your hard-earned dollars here, you show your neighbours you've got their back.

Alberta.ca/BuyLocal



## Show your Alberta side. Buy Local.

When the going gets tough, Albertans stick together. That's why Alberta's government is launching a new campaign to benefit hard-working Albertans.

Global uncertainty is threatening the livelihoods of hard-working Alberta farmers, ranchers, processors and their families. The 'Buy Local' campaign, recently launched by Alberta's government, encourages consumers to eat, drink and buy local to show our unified support for the province's agriculture and food industry.

Alberta's government supports consumer choice. We are providing tools to help folks easily identify Alberta- and Canadian-made foods and products. Choosing local products keeps Albertans' hard-earned dollars in our province. Whether it is farm-fresh vegetables, potatoes, honey, craft beer, frozen food or our world-renowned beef, Alberta has an abundance of fresh foods produced right on our doorstep.

### Check out these resources:

- Buy Local Alberta (<https://www.alberta.ca/buy-local-alberta>)
- Made in Alberta Product Catalogue (<https://madeinalberta.co/catalogue/>)
- Alberta Agri-Food Products and Services Export Catalogue (<https://www.alberta.ca/agri-food-export-catalogue>)



# SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

**Do you have questions about subdivision or development activity?**

**Contact Us:**

**Lacombe County Planning Services**  
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planning@lacombecounty.com

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Economic Development Officer

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Planning Services Administrative Assistant

**Daniella Gonzalez**  
Planning Services Receptionist

## June 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025

### Development Applications Received

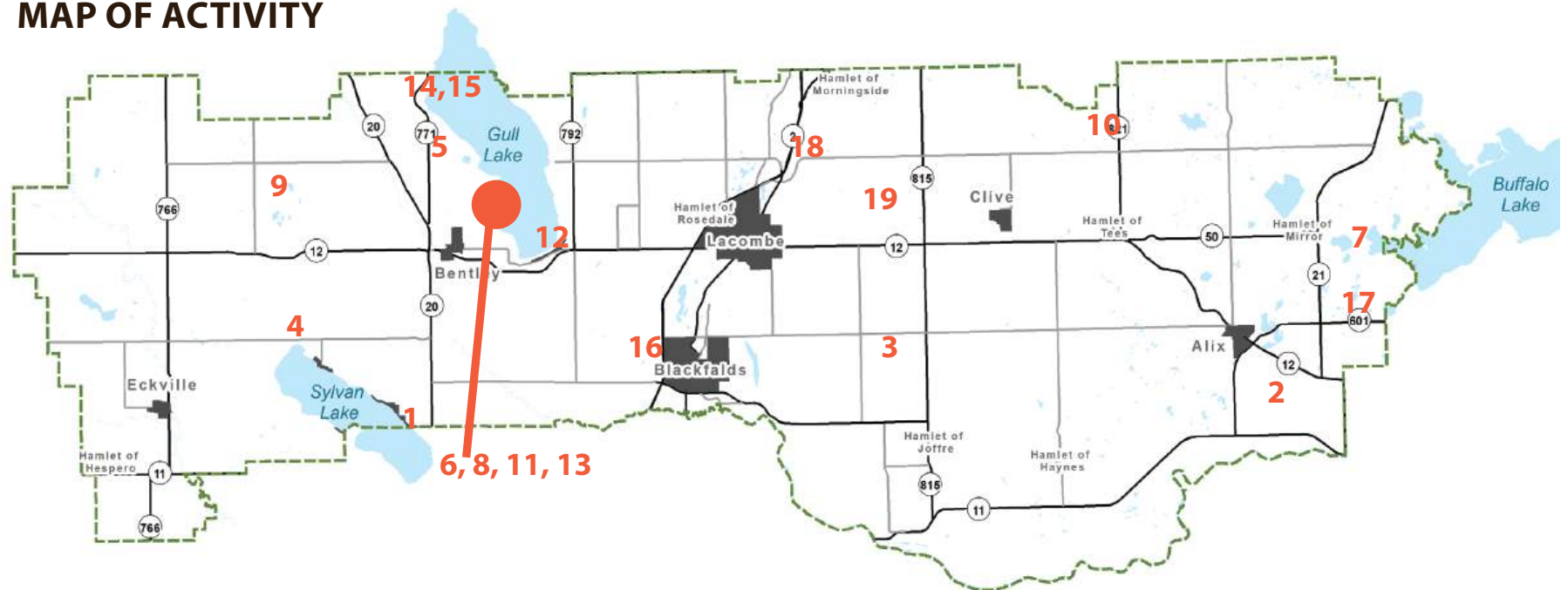
No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision (otherwise pending)
1	71/25	Kennect Building & Design	Lot 15 Block 5 Plan 222 1524 (The Slopes, Sylvan Lake)	Dwelling, Single Detached w/attached garage	Approved
2	72/25	Hutterian Brethren Church of Alix	Lot 2 Block 1 Plan 242 0551 (Pt. 17-39-22-W4M)	Minor Business and Trade <i>Merlin Plastics</i>	Approved
3	73/25	Devon & Leona Swainson	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 022 7357 (Pt. NE 31-39-25-W4M)	Dwelling, First <i>Renovation to existing residence</i>	Approved
4	74/25	Shunda Consulting & Construction	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 222 1429 (Pt. SE 04-40-02-W5M)	Attached Garage <i>Existing dwelling</i>	Approved
5	75/25	Robert McKane	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 132 3206 (Pt. NW 15-41-01-W5M)	Home based Business, Major <i>Gull Lake Firewood</i>	Approved
6	76/25	Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 220 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	Park model w/deck	Approved
7	77/25	Pat & Bonnie Nicholson	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 192 2207 (Pt. NW 28-40-21-W4M)	Dwelling, First <i>Replacement residence w/veranda and attached garage</i>	Approved
8	78/25	Jody Cappis & Barbara Lunny	Unit 39 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	Sunroom Addition	Approved
9	79/25	Adrian & Lisa Boéré	Pt. NE 32-40-02-W5M	Dwelling, First <i>Replacement residence w/veranda and attached garage</i>	Approved
10	80/25	Jordan & Tiana Bruins	Pt. NE 24-41-24-W4M	Dwelling, Third <i>Ag Employee</i>	Approved
11	81/25	Kevin & Karreen Providence	Unit 188 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	240 ft² Shed	Approved
12	82/25	Veld Homes	Lot 6 Block 2 Plan 172 0052 (Silver Beach, Gull Lake)	Dwelling, Single Detached <i>Replacement Residence w/deck and carport</i>	
13	83/25	Bill & Wendy Holman	Unit 210 Condo Plan 1422139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	288 ft² Addition to park model and two decks	Approved
14	84/25	Steven Rice	Lot 9 Block 2 Plan 892 0156 (Birch Meadows, Gull Lake)	192 ft² Shed	Approved
15	85/25	William & Rhonda Jennings	Lot 29 Block 4 Plan 062 2577 (Birch Bay, Gull Lake)	Gazebo <i>Existing structure</i>	Approved
16	86/25	Darren Halpin	SE 33-39-27-W4M	Riding and Boarding Facility <i>Renewal and Expansion Horse in Hand Ranch</i>	

### Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision (otherwise pending)
17	S-018-25	Alexander Geates & Kathleen Murphy	Pt. NW 2-40-22-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
18	S-019-25	Alex & Irma Scheling	Lot 5A Block 1 Plan 932 2880 (Pt. SW 15-41-26-W4M)	Residential	
19	S-020-25	A & A Seed Farms Ltd.	NE 31-40-25-W4M	Fragmented	



## MAP OF ACTIVITY



## Planning Services

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

## Subdivisions in the Agricultural Area



WE HAVE ANSWERS

Subdivision is the process of taking one parcel of land and legally separating it into two or more parcels, each with separate titles and ownership rights. This article aims to inform County residents of the County's subdivision policies in the Agricultural 'A' District.

### HOW WERE THE COUNTY'S SUBDIVISION POLICIES CREATED?

In 2017, Lacombe County adopted an updated Municipal Development Plan using extensive feedback from the community. The community indicated that subdivision opportunities are required to sustain the rural lifestyle. However, subdivision practices must be responsible to maintain the agricultural identity of Lacombe County and preserve large tracts of agricultural lands for the benefit of future generations.

This community feedback informed the subdivision policies that were adopted by Council in the Municipal Development Plan.

### WHAT TYPES OF SUBDIVISIONS ARE POSSIBLE IN THE AGRICULTURAL 'A' DISTRICT?

There are four types of subdivisions that may be considered in the County's agricultural areas.

- First parcel out subdivision
- Agricultural parcel subdivision
- Fragmented parcel subdivision
- Boundary adjustment subdivision

These are described below.

#### FIRST PARCEL OUT SUBDIVISION

A first parcel out subdivision provides an opportunity to create a separate parcel on an unsubdivided quarter section where an established dwelling already exists. To be eligible, the quarter section must be unsubdivided and must have had a habitable permanent dwelling on site for at least five years preceding the date of the subdivision application.

The parcel cannot exceed a size of 1.62 hectares (4.0 acres) in size unless the County determines that a larger size is required to accommodate residential improvements or is reasonable based on the site's topographical features. If a larger size is considered warranted, the maximum size of a parcel that can be approved by the Subdivision Authority is 2.2 hectares (5.5 acres).

To minimize the loss of agriculture, agricultural land cannot be included in the subdivided yard site.

#### AGRICULTURAL PARCEL SUBDIVISION

An agricultural parcel subdivision allows an agricultural producer of a specialized or intensive agricultural operation to create a smaller parcel where an entire quarter section is not required for the operation. Examples of a specialized or intensive agricultural operation can be greenhouse complexes, horticultural operations, specialty breeding facilities, etc.

When applying, the business operator must submit an adequate, detailed business plan that may include a financial plan to verify the existence of the business. To be eligible, the quarter section must be unsubdivided, and at least 75% of the specialized or intensive agricultural operation outlined in the business plan must be developed on the site for more than one year prior to subdivision approval. Additionally, the proposed parcel must be at least 4.05 hectares (10 acres) in size, and follow the current boundaries of the established agricultural operation, or the proposed expansion area.

For additional information on Agricultural Subdivisions, please refer to the Guide to Agricultural Parcel Subdivisions in Lacombe County. The guide provides further details on the agricultural subdivision policy, the application process, and eligibility requirements. The guide can be found on the County website or at the County office.

#### FRAGMENTED PARCEL SUBDIVISION

If two or three parts of a quarter section are physically severed from each other, with no physical access between the parts, a fragmented parcel subdivision can be considered by the County. Examples of a fragmenting feature would include a highway, County road, railway, or permanent or naturally occurring body of water.

In the case of a permanent or naturally occurring body of water, the feature must be permanent in nature with a visually defined riparian area where the vegetation and soils are strongly influenced by the presence of water OR written confirmation from the Government of Alberta that the title to the bed and shore of the waterbody is vested in the Crown in the right of Alberta. If these criteria are not met, the land is not considered fragmented and subdivision is not possible. A fragmented parcel subdivision may result in no more than three titles per quarter section.

#### BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT SUBDIVISION

The County allows for boundary adjustments in the Agricultural 'A' District in cases where a boundary adjustment better reflects the use of the lands. Boundary adjustments cannot result in the creation of new parcels and both parcels must remain the same size.

#### WHAT IF I LIVE IN A MULTI-LOT RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD OR HAMLET?

If you are in a residential neighbourhood or hamlet, the policies highlighted above do not apply. Subdivision policies vary by district. Depending on lot size, resubdivision may be possible. Please contact Planning Services at [planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com) or 403-782-8389 if you would like more information.



# Lacombe County encourages early voter registration ahead of 2025 municipal election

Lacombe County is encouraging all eligible residents to register early for the upcoming municipal election, scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2025.

Under recent changes to Alberta's *Local Authorities Election Act*, all voters need to be listed on the Permanent Electors Register in order to cast a ballot in local elections. This change aligns Alberta's municipal voting process with provincial and federal requirements.

Registering early will save voters time at the polls and ensure they receive timely updates about where and how to vote. And it should take less than five minutes to register or update your voter information.

"By registering before October, you're helping reduce wait times and ensuring the election runs smoothly for everyone," said Michelle Eadie, Returning Officer for Lacombe County. "Even if you've voted in previous municipal elections, we recommend confirming your registration to make sure your information is up to date."

## WHY WOULD I NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

Alberta municipalities are responsible for creating and maintaining a Permanent Elector Register for use in local elections. To support this, they receive the Register of Electors from Elections Alberta, which forms the basis for creating a municipal List of Electors.

Ensuring your voter registration information is accurate and up-to-date with Elections Alberta helps provide municipalities with reliable data when compiling their local registers.

- If you've recently moved or changed your name, you will need to update your registration.
- First-time voters should register now.
- Future voters aged 16 or 17 may also register in advance—they will automatically be added to the Permanent Register of Electors once they turn 18.

## CAN I STILL VOTE IF I DON'T REGISTER BEFORE THE ELECTION?

**Yes, you can still vote in the municipal election.**

Your Alberta Driver's Licence or Identification Card can be shown as one piece of ID, if it has your full legal name and current physical address. There is a list of eligible ID requirements. Just refer to government issued ID that shows legal name and current physical address.

**If you are not registered to vote, or need to register at a new physical address, you will need additional identification to prove your physical address (i.e. legal land description, lot-block-plan, or 911 address) prior to voting.**

Learn more at: <https://www.elections.ab.ca/voters/id-required-to-vote/>.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Eligible voters can register or confirm their status online at [voterlink.ab.ca](http://voterlink.ab.ca) or by calling 780-427-7191. To register, individuals must be:

- A Canadian citizen,
- At least 18 years old on or before October 20, 2025,
- A resident of Lacombe County on Election Day.

A piece of government-issued identification with name and residential address is required to register and to vote.

## KEY DATES

- **Nomination Period:** January 1 to September 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
- **Advance Voting Opportunities:** October 6 and 14, 2025
- **Election Day:** Monday, October 20, 2025

Residents who do not register in advance can still vote in person on Election Day. However, they will need to complete additional registration paperwork at the polling station, which may result in longer wait times.

## WHY EARLY REGISTRATION MATTERS

Registering in advance offers several benefits:

- A faster and more efficient voting process
- Assurance that your voting information is accurate
- Access to important election updates, such as polling station locations and voting dates

Lacombe County encourages all eligible voters, including first-time voters and residents who have recently moved, to take a few minutes to register well ahead of the deadline of Monday, September 15th, 2025.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com) and click on the "Elections" page for additional details about the 2025 municipal election, nomination information, and voting procedures. You can also visit [www.elections.ab.ca](http://www.elections.ab.ca) for provincial registration and voting guidelines.

## Election Workers needed

# APPLY TODAY

**Lacombe County is on the lookout for Election Workers for the upcoming municipal and school board elections in 2025.**

**KEY DATES:**

<b>Advance Polls:</b>	<b>Election Day:</b>
Monday, October 6, 2025	Monday, October 20, 2025
Tuesday, October 14, 2025	Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- All Election Workers must attend mandatory, paid training.
- Availability is required from September 28 to October 20.
- Workers can earn between \$262 and \$332 for a full day of work.
- Positions are available throughout the County at community halls and polling stations.

**APPLICATION DETAILS:**

**Deadline: September 5, 2025**

Applications can be submitted in person at the County Office, via mail, or by email to:

Lacombe County (c/o Returning Officer)  
RR3  
Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3  
Email: [returningofficer@lacombecounty.com](mailto:returningofficer@lacombecounty.com)

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

# 2025

## Municipal Election

Your IDEAS

Your COUNTY

Be the VOICE!



# INSURANCE POLICIES | Are you covered for fire response costs?

Lacombe County reminds you that reviewing your insurance coverage and ensuring your home and vehicle policies cover potential emergency response costs is crucial.

Under our Fire Protection and Emergency Response bylaw and policy, any resident or business utilizing fire department services, whether due to road incidents or on-property emergencies, will receive an invoice for these services. This aligns with best practices and effectively supports our fire departments and community.

Specifically, what this means is that Lacombe County residents and businesses will be charged for fire department responses to property fires (structure, grass, brush, pit, burning barrel fires, etc.) and motor vehicle accidents and fires. These charges are typically covered by insurance—but it's **YOUR responsibility** to confirm you have sufficient coverage **BEFORE** an emergency occurs.

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

Contact your insurance provider to confirm coverage for these invoices, should the need arise. If you have questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out to Lacombe County at 403-782-8959.

## UNDERSTANDING THE COSTS BEHIND FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES RESPONSE INVOICES

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

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

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

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

Invoice Description	Quantity (hrs)	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	GST	Amount
Engine	2	Each	\$740.00	\$0.00	\$1480.00
Tender	2	Each	\$740.00	\$0.00	\$1480.00
Brush	2	Each	\$740.00	\$0.00	\$1480.00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4440.00</b>

## DEFINITIONS OF EQUIPMENT USED AT CALLS

**Rescue Truck:** A rescue truck is a specialized emergency response vehicle primarily used for rescue operations, including vehicle extrications, medical emergencies, and technical rescues like confined spaces. It typically carries minimal or no water but is equipped with specialized rescue gear, hydraulic tools (e.g., "jaws of life"), ropes, airbags, lighting equipment, and medical supplies.

**Fire Engine:** A fire engine is the primary response vehicle designed to handle structure and other on-property and motor vehicle fires, rescue operations, and emergency medical calls. It typically carries between 500 to 1,000 gallons of water, hoses, pumps, ladders, rescue gear, and essential firefighting tools.

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

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

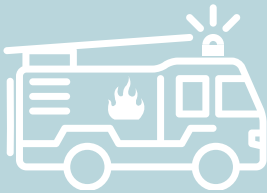


# FIRE & EMERGENCY COSTS

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

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

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



## FIRE INVOICES

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

## ACCIDENT CHARGES

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



## CHECK YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE

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

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



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

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

In fact, in the span of 2 weeks, Lacombe County has gone from a Fire Advisory (April 25) to a Fire Restriction (May 1), and then to a full Fire Ban (May 8). This quick shift is a strong reminder of how rapidly wildfire conditions can change, especially with dry weather, strong winds, and limited moisture.

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

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

### Fire Advisory

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

**Allowed:**

- Backyard fire pits using clean, dry wood
- Campfires on private land and in campgrounds
- Propane/gas fire pits and barbecues
- Burn permits (may still be issued on a case-by-case basis)

**Not Allowed:**

- Fireworks

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

### Fire Restriction

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

**Allowed:**

- Wood campfires in designated campgrounds, on private land, and in backyard fire pits
- Propane/gas-powered appliances (fire pits, stoves, barbecues)
- Some industrial operations with approved fire safety plans

**Not Allowed:**

- Fires on public lands, including random camping and backcountry areas
- Burning of brush piles, debris, or windrows
- Fire permits are restricted/suspended and new permits are not issued
- Fireworks

### Fire Ban

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

**Allowed:**

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

**Not Allowed:**


- All open fires, including backyard fire pits and campfires
- Charcoal barbecues, fireworks, tiki torches, etc.
- All burn permits are cancelled

**Stay Informed**

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

- Visit [www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca) for province-wide updates
- Check [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com) or follow Lacombe County on social media for local updates

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

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



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 12, 2025

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NOTES

The following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on December 3, 2024 received the approval of Council:

- That the review of Policy RC(1) – Capital Support of Approved Recreation and Capital Facilities be received for information.
- That the Year-Round Fire Permitting presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation regarding year-round fire permitting for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- That the Policy F(1) Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation regarding fire department response fees for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- That the Lacombe County Fire Services Manual presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendation regarding revisions to the Lacombe County Fire Services Manual for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- That the Alix Legion and Bentley Seed Cleaning Plant Scholarships presentation be received for information; and further, that the County Manager be directed to prepare a report regarding the payment of a consistent annual amount for each scholarship for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- That the Unauthorized Use of County Road Allowances presentation be received for information.
- That the Recreation Property Assessments presentation be received for information.

## SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Council approved setting the annual scholarship award for the Alix Legion Scholarship and the Bentley Seed Cleaning Scholarship at \$1,000 per recipient until the endowment funds are depleted.

## REGIONAL WATER OPPORTUNITIES

Council directed the County Manager to investigate the feasibility of a regional water system in the Gull Lake area.

## PARALLAX ENERGY – UPDATE PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation from Mr. Ryan Miller, Mr. Dustin Hoffman, Mr. Mark Lansing, and Mr. Thomas Everett of Parallax Energy Operating Inc. The presentation included an update on the company's 2025 operations, an outlook for development through the remainder of 2025 and 2026, and an overview of Parallax's commitment to the community, including the groups and activities they support.

## LACOMBE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - FUNDING REQUEST

Council received a presentation from Ms. Wendy Buyar, Executive Director, and Ms. Shelby Petersen, Member Services Coordinator, both representing the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce. They presented a funding request in the amount of \$2,500 for the 2025 Executives of Alberta Summit conference. Council directed the County Manager to prepare a report and recommendations for consideration at a future meeting.

## JENNIFER JOHNSON, MLA UPDATE PRESENTATION

Council received an update from Jennifer Johnson, MLA, on provincial government matters.

## ASPELUND INDUSTRIAL AREA - BROADWAY RESERVOIR UPGRADE FUNDING AGREEMENT

Council authorized the County Manager to enter into a funding Agreement with the Town of Blackfalds for the upgrade of the Broadway Reservoir and Pumps. The upgrades will support servicing the Town of Blackfalds and the Lacombe County Joint Economic Area in the Aspelund Industrial Area.

## SPONSORSHIP OF LACOMBE COUNTY AWARD

Council approved a \$1,000 sponsorship for the "Lacombe County Business of the Year Award" at the 2025 Business Awards Gala hosted by the Lacombe & District Chamber of Commerce.

## REGIONAL

## COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Council directed the County Manager to work with the City of Lacombe and the Town of Blackfalds CAOs on a draft Terms of Reference for a Regional Collaboration Committee and refer the draft Terms of Reference to each respective Council for consideration.

## CITY OF LACOMBE 2025 CEMETERY CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST

Council approved contributions up to \$300,000 to the City of Lacombe's Phase 1B expansion at the Fairview Cemetery.

## CITY OF LACOMBE 2025 RECREATION CAPITAL FUNDING REQUESTS

Council approved contributions up to \$289,786 toward the City of Lacombe's annual capital projects at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre, Lacombe Memorial Centre, Gary Moe Sportsplex, and the City's Ball Diamonds. The approved projects include:

- Kinsmen Aquatic Centre: Replacement of the pool ramp, overhead shades at the spray park, and initial funding for replacement of three HVAC units.
- Lacombe Memorial Centre: Replacement/upgrade of the Lacombe County Room's original dance floor.
- Gary Moe Sportsplex & Echo Arenas: Replacement of an ice resurfer and HVAC system upgrades.
- Ball Diamonds: Facility upgrades to Diamond #6 (near City Hall) and Diamond #7 (near Lacombe Composite High School).

## ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING STANDARDS FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Council received an overview of the audited financial statement requirements as outlined in section 276 of the Municipal Government Act. Council approved that the County provide input through the Public Sector Accounting Board's public consultation process on proposed Public Sector Accounting Board recommendations of County concern.

## REQUEST TO MEET WITH COUNCIL REGARDING PROPOSED RECONCEPT SOLAR FACILITY

Council approved a request for a member of the public to attend an upcoming Council meeting to share concerns related to the proposed reconcept solar facility in SW 17-40-26 W4M.

## OUTSTANDING FIRE RESPONSE FEES - AMENDMENTS TO FIRE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER BYLAWS

Council gave all three readings to Bylaw No. 1440/25 (Fire Protection and Emergency Response Bylaw) and Bylaw No. 1441/25 (Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw). The amendments allow the County Manager to recover outstanding fire response fees through the property tax roll.

### 2025 RMA POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Registration Deadline: August 29, 2025

The RMA established the RMA Post-Secondary Scholarship Program in 1995. A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is presented to one successful applicant from each of the RMA's five districts annually.

[Learn More](#)






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



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 26, 2025

## WHISTLE CESSATION – LAKESIDE SARGENT AND HIGHWAY 2A

### FARM FAMILY AWARD - POLICY AG (17)

Council approved the Farm Family Award Policy, which establishes an annual award to recognize a local ranch or farm family. The award honours achievements in technical farm production, sustainability practices, business management, agricultural industry involvement, and community and rural citizenship.

### MINIMUM TAX LEVY

Council approved the implementation of a minimum municipal tax levy rate of \$50 per tax roll number, effective for the 2027 tax year.

### TOWN OF BLACKFALDS 2025 RECREATION CAPITAL FUNDING REQUESTS

Council approved a contribution of up to \$28,924 toward the Town of Blackfalds' 2025 capital projects at the Abbey Centre and Eagle Builders Centre. Approved projects include:

- Abbey Centre: Replacement of the fieldhouse

curtains and upgrade of the fire control panel.

- Eagle Builders Centre - Arenas: Replacement of an ice resurfacers.

### TOWN OF BLACKFALDS 2024 CEMETERY CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST

Council approved a contribution of up to \$8,166 to the Town of Blackfalds for the Columbaria Expansion Project at the Blackfalds Cemetery.

### MIRROR & DISTRICT MUSEUM ASSOCIATION 2025 RECREATION CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST

Council approved a contribution of up to \$6,107 to the Mirror & District Museum Association for museum building enhancements, including roof shingles and furnace chimney replacement.

### DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR MEETING WITH ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS

Council reviewed a draft list of discussion topics to be submitted to the Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors in preparation for their visit on July 10, 2025.

## LACOMBE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FUNDING REQUEST

Council approved \$2,500 in funding to the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce to support the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Alberta Summit, taking place July 9-11, 2025, in Lacombe.

### BRENDA SIMON – PRESENTATION REGARDING CONCERNS FOR THE PROPOSED RECONCEPT SOLAR FACILITY

Council received a presentation from Ms. Brenda Simon outlining concerns related to the proposed reconcept solar facility located in SW 17-40-26 W4M.

### RURAL MUNICIPALITIES OF ALBERTA PRESENTATION

Council received an update presentation from representatives of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, including Ms. Kara Westerlund (President), Ms. Amber Link (District 2 Director), Mr. Duane Gladden (CEO & Executive Director), and Ms. Tasha Blumenthal (Executive Officer of External Relations & Strategy).

## Lacombe County tours Enhance Energy carbon capture operation

Lacombe County Council and staff recently toured Enhance Energy's operations at Clive—Enhance's first, and one of Canada's largest, operating Carbon Capture, Utilization and Sequestration (CCUS) project. By using reservoirs that haven't actively produced in decades, Enhance is able to produce some of the resource left through Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR), while storing CO<sub>2</sub> back underground.

Since the first CO<sub>2</sub> injection in 2020, the Clive project has permanently stored over 1.5 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from industrial sources every year.

The tour also included a presentation on the upcoming Origins project, which enables a storage-only CCS solution that connects to existing infrastructure. Through Origins and the Clive operations, Enhance is providing safe, permanent CO<sub>2</sub> storage, revitalizing aging oil and gas fields, supporting large-emitter capture projects and carbon removal partners—keeping even more CO<sub>2</sub> out of the atmosphere.

These innovative projects are helping shape a more sustainable energy future—right here in Lacombe County. Learn more at [enhanceenergy.com](https://enhanceenergy.com).



**Tickets**  
on sale now!

[RDCounty.ca/AgEvents](https://RDCounty.ca/AgEvents)

## Farm to Table tour

CONNECTING TO OUR LOCAL ROOTS

August 15, 2025 | 1 PM - 8 PM

Join us for an immersive bus tour – connecting people, farmers, and communities through flavour and stories. Meet the hands that harvest and the chefs who transform local ingredients into unforgettable meals!

 Red Deer County





# Tax Installment PAYMENT PLAN



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

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

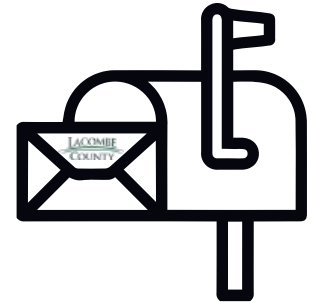


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# Responsibilities for Residents TAXPAYERS' GUIDE

## 1 Watch for your 2025 Assessment & Tax Notices in the mail.

We will send out our 2025 Assessment and Tax Notices in early May. These notices serve as your formal announcement of the property tax due for the current year. Please watch your mail for these important documents.



## 2 Didn't receive a notice?

If you didn't receive your 2025 Assessment and Tax Notice by mid-June, contact the Lacombe County Office immediately.

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



## 3 Updating your mailing address

**YOU** - the taxpayer - are responsible for ensuring Lacombe County has your correct mailing address.

Updates to your mailing address are essential for receiving tax notice, other important County communications, and info from the Alberta Land Titles Office.



## 4 Assessment complaint process

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

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



## 5 Payment deadlines and options

All tax payments are due no later than August 31, 2025. Lacombe County offers several convenient payment options (mail, in person, electronically, credit card, payment plan)

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



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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Xplore Inc. would like to notify area residents of a proposal of a new telecommunications installation situated on a portion of NW 24-40-28 W4M located in Lacombe County. The proposed installation will be a 45m self-support tower. All of the equipment required to operate the facility will be located inside an equipment shelter at the base of the tower.



This new telecommunications facility will improve coverage to the area near Gull Lake.

Your comments are welcome at (403) 261-6514  
Written comments can be faxed to (403) 263-5263, mailed to  
Scott Telecom Services Ltd.  
Suite 900, Bow Valley Square 1  
202 - 6th Avenue SW  
Calgary, AB T2P 2R9  
Emailed to [notify@scottland.ca](mailto:notify@scottland.ca)

All comments will be accepted until **August 17, 2025**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Xplore Inc. aimerait aviser les résidents de la région d'une proposition d'une nouvelle installation de télécommunications située sur une portion de NW 24-40-28 W4M située dans la Comté de Lacombe. L'installation proposée sera une tour autoportante de 45 m. Tout l'équipement nécessaire au fonctionnement de l'installation sera situé à l'intérieur d'un abri d'équipement à la base de la tour.



Cette nouvelle installation de télécommunications améliorera la couverture dans la région près du lac Gull.

Vos commentaires sont les bienvenus au (403) 261-6514. Les commentaires écrits peuvent être télécopiés au (403) 263-5263, envoyés par la poste à Scott Telecom Services Ltd.

Bureau 900, Bow Valley Square 1, 202 - 6th Avenue SW  
Calgary, AB T2P 2R9

Envoyé par courriel à [notify@scottland.ca](mailto:notify@scottland.ca)

Tous les commentaires seront acceptés 17 août 2025

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





Bentley & District Ag Society Fair: Salute to Educators, Teachers & Support Staff

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Museum Open Museum  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bench Show Entries Blindman Valley Ag Center

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Museum Open Museum  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Bench Show Entries Blindman Valley Ag Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025  
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. \* Pancake Breakfast Legion Park – Tent  
Sunset Hills Riding Club\*  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Museum Open Museum  
10:00 a.m. Parade Entries Blindman Valley Ag Center Parking Lot  
11:30 a.m. Parade Entry Judging Blindman Valley Ag Center Parking Lot  
1:00 p.m. Parade – Sunset Hills Riding Club  
2:00 p.m. Pawsome Connection Ball Diamond by Blindman Valley Ag Center  
Blindman Valley Ag Center  
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Bench Show Bentley Ag Society  
4:00 p.m. Pawsome Connection Ball Diamond by Blindman Valley Ag Center  
Blindman Valley Ag Center  
6:30 p.m. Bench Show Awards Blindman Valley Ag Center

10:15 p.m. Fireworks  
Drive-In Movie – after the Fireworks – Kroozin' West  
Railway Ave  
Railway Ave

REMINDER: NO RODEO – this year, back next year

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025  
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. \*Pancake Breakfast Legion Park – Tent  
Sunset Hills Riding Club\*  
9:00 a.m. Kroozin' West Show & Shine Railroad Ave  
(Registration)  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Museum Open Museum  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Bentley Library Petting Zoo Library  
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bentley School Reunion Old Community Hall  
12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. Serving Cake at Museum Museum  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bart Wood Carving Museum  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bentley Farmers' Market Curling Rink  
3:00 p.m. Kroozin' West Show & Shine Presentations

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024  
10:00 a.m. Interdenominational Church Community Church  
Service (Chili Lunch provided)  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Museum Open Museum

\* indicates Admission Charge\*

Disposing Lithium Batteries | DO NOT PLACE IN TRASH!



THE RISKS OF IMPROPER LITHIUM BATTERY DISPOSAL

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

LITHIUM BATTERY FIRES

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

LITHIUM BATTERY TOXICITY

Apart from the risk of fires, improper disposal of lithium batteries can also result in the release of toxic

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

LANDFILL CONTAMINATION

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

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

batteries, we can prevent fires, reduce toxic chemical exposure, and prevent the contamination of our landfills.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING LITHIUM BATTERIES

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

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

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

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

HOW TO RECYCLE LITHIUM BATTERIES PROPERLY

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

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

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





# ASSESSMENT 101 | *What you need to know*

## WHY DO WE ASSESS PROPERTY?

Assessment establishes the value of a property in relation to similar properties and does not itself generate property taxes. Assessment is the process of valuing property to fairly and equitably distribute a municipality's total property tax requirement amongst property owners. Property taxes are generated when provincial education & municipal tax rates are applied to the assessed value of your property. Assessment preparation activities are set out by the Province in Statutes and Regulations.

## 2025 TIMELINE RECAP

Assessors are completing a cyclical/rotational property re inspection project throughout Ranges 1 & 2, lake communities and properties that have changed ownership this summer. Letters requesting information about these properties or sale transactions have been mailed. **The deadline to return Residential Re-Inspection Surveys was June 1, 2025.** If you did not return the survey or provide the information by the deadline, an Assessor will visit your property in the coming months. An Assessor may also follow up with you if the information was unclear or not provided.

The deadline for the annual Non-Residential property request for information surveys was **July 1, 2025**, reminder letters were mailed in June. Lacombe County will be mailing non-compliance letters to those property owners who have not returned their non-residential surveys this month. If you have not yet returned your survey, please do so.

The deadline to make an assessment complaint about the 2025 Assessment to the assessment review board was July 14, 2025. Complaints are required to be made in the format and time frame specified by the *Municipal Government Act*.

## 2025 PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

To ensure the accuracy of property assessments, Assessors re-inspect various properties throughout the municipality each year in Lacombe County. Assessors will inspect properties for various reasons, including cyclical updates, modernizations identified via development/safety code permits, ownership changes, changes identified

in the most recent aerial photographs, reports/updates from other sources or public observations.

## WHAT HAPPENS DURING AN INSPECTION?

During an in-person inspection an assessor may:

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

Assessors must "classify" the property based on the use of the improvement and/or land (e.g. residential, farm land, commercial, industrial/manufacturing – a property may be dual or multi-purpose, residential & industrial). This means the Assessor will make observations about the use occurring at the property in order to classify it while completing the physical inspection.

County Assessors may collect this information by requesting a physical "walk-thru" of each building when the owner/occupant is present (otherwise, the Assessor will try to do an external "walk-around"). Other collection methods may include in-person interviews (at the door or by phone), drive-by, mail or email request, MLS or online listings, or any other source of information available to us. Failure to respond to a request for information necessary to prepare the assessment may result in your inability to file a complaint with an assessment review board about the property the following year.

## WHY INSPECTIONS ARE ESSENTIAL?

The information we collect about a property must be current so Assessors can prepare accurate and equitable assessments of properties in the municipality each year. This is especially important if the property has recently changed ownership, if renovations/modernizations have been completed, or the actual use of the property has changed.

We will do our best to answer your questions during the inspection; however, some inquiries require further research and information. If this is the case, we may request a contact number or email address, so follow-up can be done to answer your questions.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation. Should you have questions regarding the assessment of your property, please get in touch with us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

## NOTICE OF INSPECTIONS

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

## MEET THE TEAM

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



**Angel Svennes**



**Andrew Beecraft**



**Nolan Bespalko**

**RCMP-GRC**

**In case of emergency**  
En cas d'urgence

call **9-1-1**  
appelez le **9-1-1**

**To report non-emergency event**  
Pour signaler une situation non urgente

call **310-RCMP**  
appelez le **7267**

Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Canada

## Tarp your load – Keep Lacombe County clean and safe

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

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

## WHY TARP YOUR LOAD?

**Prevent roadside litter:** Unsecured waste can easily blow out of vehicles, ending up in County ditches and fields, harming the environment and increasing cleanup costs.

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

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

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



# RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

## Home Support Services

**Reliable Housekeeping for Seniors**

**Trained & Screened Providers**

### Services Offered:

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



SUPPORTED BY:



Lacombe & District FCSS:  
403-782-6637

Bentley FCSS:  
403-748-2160

Clive FCSS:  
403-784-2020

**CALL NOW !**





## LACOMBE COUNTY

**Did you know?**  
County residents within 20 km of Lacombe can book the bus for errands & medical appointments.



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

## Seniors 55+ Wellness Mornings

**Special programming (no charge) on Mondays/Wednesdays**

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



Registration required for  
**Seated Range of Motion**  
**Chair Yoga**

Move your body, make connections & socialize!

Call 403.748.2160

**Bentley Seniors Drop In**



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



YEARLY  
MEMBERSHIP  
FEE \$10

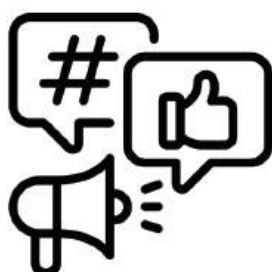
## Over The Hill & Loving The View

located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

## The Seniors Drop In welcomes everyone 55+

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

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



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# AROUND THE COUNTY



**Blackfalds' Servus Credit Union Public Library**



**EAGLE BUILDERS CENTRE**

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

**Programming**

It's not too late to sign up for the Summer Reading Program! ★

It runs from July 7th to August 15th.

Kids & teens can track the minutes that they read per day & earn prizes & enter draws. While adults can take part in a reading bingo & enter into a draw!

*\*For more program information check out our website & social medias*

**Borrowing**

Our library card gives you access to a variety of services, eResources such as eAudio, eBooks, eMagazines & more!

**Hours**

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

**Contact**  
403-885-2343

[www.blackfaldslibrary.ca](http://www.blackfaldslibrary.ca)

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

**Visit us on our website & social medias**



## 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:**

- July 20th-26th is National Drowning Prevention week-activities throughout the week to raise awareness around drowning prevention.
- Pool is closed Friday, July 25th at 6:30 p.m. until Monday, July 28 at 6:00 am for the Lacombe Dolphins Swim Meet.
- August 4th, Public Swim 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ONLY.

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



**CITY OF LACOMBE**

## WHAT WE DO

**Summer UPDATES**

**~Confident Squad** continues all summer, every Tuesday from 1:30PM-4PM. We will talk about peer concerns, play games, build relationships, learn healthy skills and do fun activities! For preteen/teen girls (target group is Grades 5, 6, 7).

**~Cub Crew** will pause for the summer, stay tuned for more information this fall.

**Beach Days-**  
On August 16 enjoy the Alix Days Parade and check out Alix Beach activities including carnival games and more!

**Adult/ Senior Outings-**  
Catch a ride on the bus for summer events. Meet new people and share new experiences! Contact us to save your spot. COST: \$25.00/ person per outing.  
July 31: Ford's Farmstead - Leave at 12:30PM. (Country Market Store)  
August 28 : DNA Gardens - Leave at 12:30PM. (Cafe & Gift Shop)



**Find decorated rocks labelled "CRC" placed around our community!**

Bring the rocks to the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre to be entered into a draw to win a prize.

There will be 3 rounds of rock ninja. Draws will be on the last business day of the month in June, July and August.

**Your collective efforts are valued so much...  
Thank you everyone who stepped up to volunteer  
and cover numerous shifts during Ponoka Stampede!**

**2025 Summer Program for Children & Youth**

To all program sponsors and those who have contributed to planned outings and activities! We truly appreciate your support.

- Alix Village Shoppe - July 3, August 8 & 28 - Sponsored Outings: Deer Valley Meadows
- Well Mannered Mutts - July 16 and August 13 - Sponsored Sleepovers
- Saving Grace Animal Society - July 28 - Sponsored Outing: Edmonton Valley Zoo
- Servus Credit Union - July 15 and August 6 & 7 - Sponsored Outings: Barney's Adventure Drumheller, Blackfalds Abbey Centre and Red Deer Treehouse Indoor Playground
- Bibs to Bookbags Child Care Centre - August 12 - Sponsored Outing: Barney's Adventure Drumheller



**thank you**

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

\*Closed all statutory holidays\*

Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

**403-396-3369**

**Services Available**

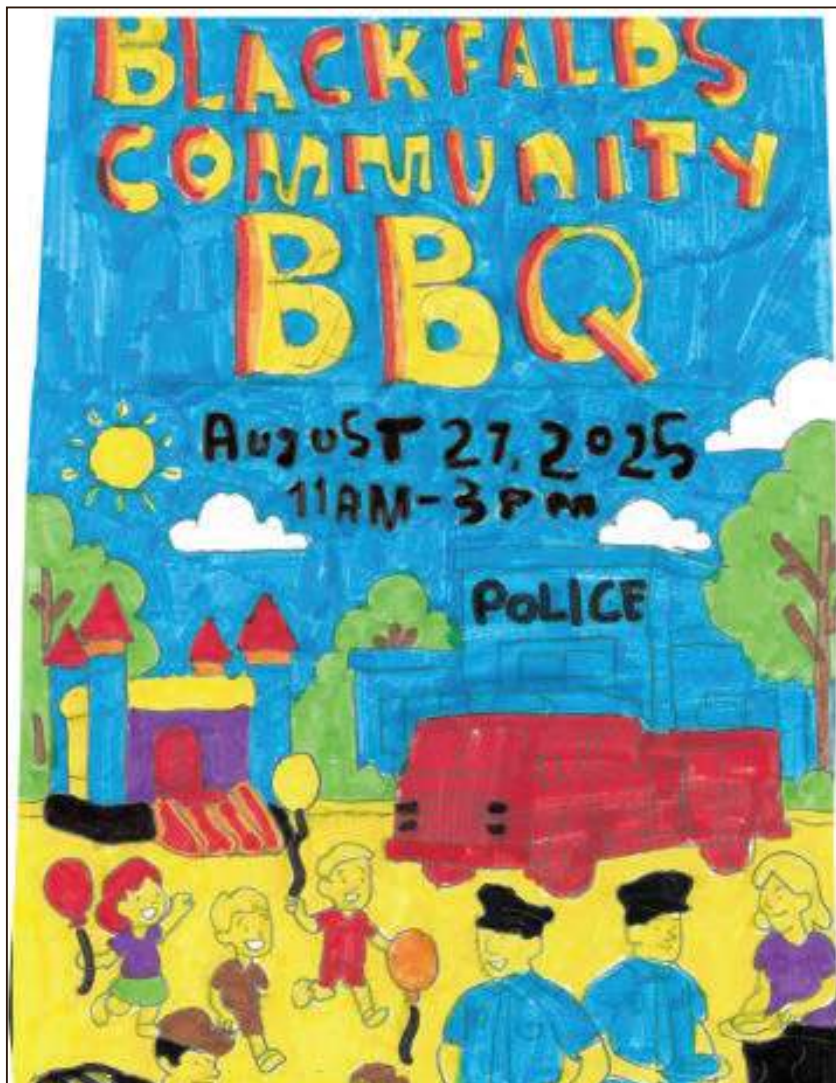
- Information & Referral
- Resource Navigation
- Volunteer Services
- Family Wellness
- Meals on Wheels
- Community Services
- Adult Learning
- Alix Food Bank
- Wise Owls

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

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**gull lake centre**



**Made for Gathering**

Great Events and Gatherings start with the right space.

Nestled within 70 acres of quiet wooded grounds, Gull Lake Centre is the perfect setting for group retreats, seminars, conferences, workshops, family reunions, and a host of other events. We are open year-round for event and retreat rentals for groups of 20-250.

For more information on pricing, facilities, and amenities visit:

[gulllakecentre.ca/rentals](http://gulllakecentre.ca/rentals)



**2025**  
**CASINO NOW OPEN!**

**THE TRACK on 2**  
CASINO & HORSE RACING

*The Track On 2 - Where you can always bet on the excitement of the race!*

July						
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27	28	29	30	31		

August						
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September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

1:10 p.m. MT

Note: Post Times may be modified based on weather conditions

**Open Year Round.**

Follow us on Facebook/Instagram, or check out our website for all the events happening at the Track.

- Midget Wrestling
- Bike Rally
- Karaoke
- Crib Nights
- Slot Tournament

... just some of our upcoming Events!

Live Stream Available at: [www.thetrackon2.com](http://www.thetrackon2.com)



Facebook.com/thetrackon2

Lacombe Fish and Game Association

**OFF THE HOOK YOUTH FISHING CAMP**

**ACTIVITIES**

Tours at the Len Thompson Factory, Aurora Fish Farm Fishing Day and Smoky Trout Fish Farm

Interactive Workshops and insider knowledge from local fish pros

Hands-on fishing, safety, skills and more!

Intro to Fly Fishing

A unique fishing camp designed just for youth ages 11 to 16!

QR Code

July 29, 30, 31 & August 1

10 AM - 3 PM

fcss (403) 782-6637

[www.lacombefcss.net](http://www.lacombefcss.net)

**BENTLEY BOUTIQUE**

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

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

Items for all ages & sizes.

Next to new clothing donations welcome!

Volunteer Coordinator Sandy 403.318.0270

Bentley Community Services 403.748.2160



Hey Alix MAC graduate, did you know that the Alix Lions Club awards two \$1000 Scholarships to graduates to help them with the cost of post secondary education?

Qualification requirements:

1. Graduated from Alix MAC high school
2. Satisfy entrance requirements to a post secondary institute
3. Demonstrate leadership requirements
4. Be recognized as an individual of honesty and integrity

The following information must be submitted with the scholarship application:

1. A one-page letter self-written letter expressing why you should receive the award
2. A transcript of your Grade 12 marks
3. Confirmation of acceptance from a post-secondary institution indicating the specific field, school or faculty which you are attending (please note the scholarship cheque is made payable to the institution, not the student)
4. Letter of reference (maximum of two) with a detailed summary of your character, leadership roles within the school, involvement in extra-curricular activities at school, work experience and special interests and hobbies.

Application documents to be sent to Alix Lions Club, Box 35 Alix Alberta T0C 0B0

Application deadline is September 1.

For more information, contact Mark Kenney at [mkenney.ab@gmail.com](mailto:mkenney.ab@gmail.com)

Mary C Moore Public Library

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

At the Library!

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

Wednesday 30 JULY 7:00-8:15pm Kinmen Program Room

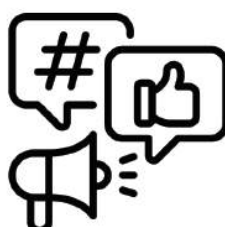
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**REGISTER NOW**

Phone 403.782.3433 email: [miranda.ca@prlib.ca](mailto:miranda.ca@prlib.ca)

By phone, in person at the library, or email

Snacks will be served and prizes will be awarded to the winning team! Adults & Teens only please



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Mary C. Moore Public Library Presents

# TD Summer Reading Program

Join us in our adventure across the world as we explore a different ecosystem each week!

These classes are drop-in with a maximum of 25 participants per session. Classes are FREE to attend and will run until August 14th.

**CLASSES BEGIN JULY 2**

**MONDAY: 2 YEAR OLDS. MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**  
 • 10-11AM

**TUESDAY: 3-5 YEAR OLDS**  
 • 10-11AM, 11-12PM, 1-2PM & 2-3PM

**WEDNESDAY: 6-8 YEAR OLDS**  
 • 10-12PM & 1-3PM

**THURSDAY: 9-13 YEAR OLDS**  
 • 10-12PM & 1-3PM

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT US AT:  
 MCMPL@PRL.AB.CA

# WANTED

LOVING, CARING FOSTER PARENTS

Do you enjoy helping children reach their full potential? If so...

**Children First Foster Care Program**

Needs you! Become a Foster Family Today!

We are looking for healthy, stable, nurturing homes for children in need to thrive until they are able to return home.

For more information about the exciting and challenging world of foster parenting or how to become a foster parent today...

Please reach out to us:

Children First  
 780-699-7379  
 cffostercare@upcs.org  
 upcs.org/services/foster-care

**fcss**  
 Lacombe & District Family and Community Support Services

## Tools for School & Coats for Kids

Serving City of Lacombe, Lacombe County, Mirror, Tees & Clive

**TOOLS for SCHOOLS** **COATS FOR KIDS**

One Application - **BOTH** programs!

If your child resides in the County & attends other municipal schools, they qualify for our program.  
 Call 403-782-6637 for more info!

# TEEN TRIPS 2025

**JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> 1-4 \$20**  
**MINI GOLF & THE WOODEN SHOE**  
 Ready to tee off on the best day of summer? We're rolling out for a day of laughs, low-key competition, and the best ice cream around! First stop: Mini Golf—bring your A-game or just come for the laughs. Then we're cooling off at The Wooden Shoe with some legendary ice cream.

**JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> 1-4 \$20**  
**SYLVAN LAKE AQUA SPLASH**  
 Our next teen trip is all about wild wipeouts, big laughs, and epic memories. Come conquer the floating obstacle course of your dreams!!! Basically, a giant wibit on Sylvan Lake! You're not gonna want to miss this one....

**JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> 12:30-4 \$20**  
**CANYON ADVENTURE PARK**  
 You have to come to this one - it's going to be EPIC. We're heading to Canyon Adventure Park's Aerial Park - think ropes, obstacles, heights, adrenaline, and major bragging rights. If you're into adventure, laughs, and memories you'll be talking about all summer, this is your trip.

**AUG 5<sup>TH</sup> 12-4 \$20**  
**COUNTY WATERS KAYAKING**  
 We're heading out to County Waters Kayaking on beautiful Lacombe Lake! Get ready for a chill afternoon of kayaking, games, and fun in the sun with this awesome new company that just launched right here in our city! Catch you on the lake?

**AUG 12<sup>TH</sup> 1-4 PM \$20**  
**TRAILHEAD CLIMBING & FITNESS**  
 Get ready to climb to new heights at Trailhead Climbing + Fitness in Red Deer! Challenge yourself on the walls in the Fun Zone... Whether you're new or experienced, it's a great chance to try something new, meet friends, and have a blast. Trust us- you're going to love it.

**AUG 21<sup>ST</sup> 12-4 \$20**  
**KRAAY FAMILY FARM CORNMAZE**  
 Get ready for an a-maze-ing adventure at Kraay Family Farms Cornmaze! All about exploring winding paths, having FUN, & making new friends! You'd feel lost if you missed out!

**TO REGISTER:**  
 www.lacombefcss.net

**fcss**  
 Lacombe & District Family and Community Support Services  
 (403) 782-6637

**Kin Canada**  
 Lacombe Kinsmen Club

**FOR YOUTH WHO WILL BE IN GRADES 7, 8, 9, 10 FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR.**

**QUICK REMINDERS:**  
 PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES EARLY FOR ALL TEEN TRIPS!  
 CONNEX BUS TRANSPORTATION IS INCLUDED IN COST AND PROVIDED.  
 IF PLANS CHANGE AND YOU CAN'T MAKE IT, PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP SO WE CAN OFFER YOUR SPOT TO SOMEONE ON THE WAITLIST.  
 JOIN THE WAITLIST IF A TRIP IS FULL, AND WE'LL CONTACT YOU IF A SPOT OPENS UP!

MARY C. MOORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2025

Take part in our adult summer reading challenge!

Every participant earns a reward, and will be entered to win a grand prize!  
**No need to sign-up, just pick up the printed challenge package and start reading!**

Challenge runs **June 20-Sept 2nd**.

Participants will be entered in a **Grand Prize Draw** for \$50 to a local business and a book lovers gift bundle!

email Miranda (miranda.cl@prl.ab.ca) with any questions

Mary C Moore Public Library

# Card Making Workshop

Make your own greeting cards using a variety of stamping and paper crafting techniques. Registration required. For adults and teens. Call or email to register.  
 403-782-3433 miranda.cl@prl.ab.ca  
 Fee is \$10/5 cards

**SATURDAY AUGUST 9**  
 9:00am-12:00pm  
 Kinsmen Program Room (LMC)



AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	AUG 1	2
3	4 Heritage Holiday (Office Closed)	5	6	7	8 County News Submissions Due	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 County News Published	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 County Council 9AM	29	30
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**Upcoming Events:** September 1 (Labour Day) - Office Closed, September 11 (County Council), September 25 (County Council)

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

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

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



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Lacombe County Directory

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Department Numbers:	Main Office - 403-782-6601
	Planning Services - 403-782-8389
	Community Services - 403-782-8959
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	Public Works Shop - 403-782-3567


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

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


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Senior Administration	
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