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# Important Updates to Lacombe County's Dog Control Bylaw

As of June 2025, Lacombe County's Dog Control Bylaw (1438/25) has been modernized to provide clearer rules, better protect public spaces, and streamline enforcement. Key changes include:

### 1. Definitions & Scope

The bylaw now spells out exactly where and when it applies—and what terms like “Service Dog,” “Microchipped,” and “Dispose” (dog waste) mean—so everyone knows the rules.

### 2. Leash & Nuisance Rules

All dogs must be on-leash unless in a designated off-leash area. Owners are responsible for immediately picking up waste on any public property. Repeated barking or other noise disturbances are now explicitly covered, allowing our Community Peace Officer team to address chronic nuisances.

### 3. Prohibited Areas

Council has empowered the County Manager to formally designate “no-dog” zones, where dogs (leashed or not) are not permitted. This ensures sensitive areas remain clean and safe for all visitors.

Effective immediately, dogs are not permitted (leashed or otherwise) on the beach at Sandy Point. This change was made to help ensure the beach remains a safe, clean, and enjoyable space for all users. This restriction does not apply to guide or service dogs.

Dogs are still welcome on the trails, in the parking lot, and in the green spaces surrounding the beach.

Please help us ensure our parks and green spaces are kept clean and pick up after your pets.

### 4. Working & Service Animal Exemptions

Guide dogs, service animals, and bona fide working dogs (e.g., for search-and-rescue or agricultural tasks) are exempt from certain restrictions so that handlers can continue their essential work without confusion.

### 5. Licensing & Penalties

- New lifetime dog tags are available, and the full fee schedule has been updated to reflect current costs. Licensing is required only within the Hamlet of Mirror and current licenses remain in effect until renewal at which time they will be renewed for the lifetime of the dog.
- Pay a violation ticket within 30 days and save 50%.
- Late payments will incur the full penalty—so don't delay.

“These updates reflect both provincial legislation changes and feedback from residents,” says Community Peace Officer Services Manager, Mark Sproule. “Our goal was to simplify the rules, improve clarity and give staff the tools to maintain safe, enjoyable public spaces for everyone.”

For details on designated off-leash parks, prohibited zones, or how to get your new lifetime tag, visit <http://www.lacombecounty.com/dogcontrol> or call 403-782-6601.

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## From gravel pit to gathering place: Help shape the future of Abma Pit

Lacombe County is excited to invite the public to an upcoming open house on **Tuesday, July 15, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the Lacombe County Administration Building (40403 Range Road 274, RR #3).

The Abma family donated the property - a gravel pit located near the intersection of Township Road 410 and Range Road 275 - to Lacombe County in 2012. One of the Abma's conditions of the donation agreement was that the land would be used for

recreational purposes for the benefit of the general public once gravel extraction activities were completed.

With aggregate extraction nearing completion, Lacombe County has hired a professional planning and design consultant to create a vision for reclaiming the site and transforming it into a new regional park amenity for the community and Central Alberta.

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## YOUR VOICE, YOUR PARK! Abma Pit Open House

Lacombe County is excited to announce an upcoming public open house. The Abma pit is nearing its end of life with aggregate extraction to be complete in the coming years.

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

Come to our open house to meet with our consultant and County staff to share ideas, review design options, and discuss the different types of amenities that may be part of the future park design.



**July 15, 2025**



**6:00 - 8:00 PM**



**Lacombe County Office**

Located 2½ miles west of Highway 2 at the intersection of Spruceville Road and Highway 12



## (Continued from front): Your Voice, Your Park! Abma Pit Open House

This open house is a chance for residents and stakeholders to:

- Meet with the County's consultant and staff
- Explore early design concepts
- Share your ideas for the site's future
- Provide input on potential amenities and features

Unable to attend in person?

The Lacombe County website will host an on-line survey from July 15 to August 7. This survey mirrors the in-person content and offers an opportunity to share your feedback and vision for the reclaimed site. You can find it, along with background information and the concepts, at [www.lacombecounty.com/AbmaPit](http://www.lacombecounty.com/AbmaPit).

We look forward to your input on this exciting project and appreciate your involvement in shaping the future of Lacombe County!

For more information and to access the survey after the public meeting, visit our website: [www.lacombecounty.com/AbmaPit](http://www.lacombecounty.com/AbmaPit).

**SCAN ME**



**LEARN MORE**



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

# 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.





# CANDIDATE ORIENTATION

**Thinking About Running for Municipal Office?**

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

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

**June 25 & June 26**

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







**Lacombe County Council Chambers**

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

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

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

**For more information or to register for this workshop:**  
Contact Meghan Richer-Poth at 403-782-8962 / mricher-poth@lacombecounty.com

# 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)

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



## 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



Next Dates: June 24 (7:30PM), July 18 (12PM) and August 13 (7:30PM)  
Location: Online (register via link below)

**Can't attend this session?** Additional opportunities and resources are available. Visit the Alberta Municipalities website to register or learn more: <https://www.abmunis.ca/advocacy-resources/running-municipal-office>.



# SAFETY FIRST



**ROAD PARTIES**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS?

LET RED DEER LACOMBE RURAL CRIME WATCH HELP YOU ORGANIZE A ROAD PARTY go to "www.rdruralcrimewatch.com"

Stop by and pick up a kit to assist with the organization of your party at:

- Blackfalds RCMP Office
- Red Deer County Office
- Lacombe County Office

**2025 Kick-off May 12**

**LET'S BUILD COMMUNITY**

With stronger communities we can manage:

- Rural Crime
- Assist with Mental Health
- Assist our neighbours when needed
- And have FUN, Making your community more friendly!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

WEB PAGE: <https://www.rdruralcrimewatch.com>

Facebook: Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Community Crime Watch

Email: [Rdruralcrimewatch@gmail.com](mailto:Rdruralcrimewatch@gmail.com)



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**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**

## Rimbey RCMP warns property owners of paving scams this summer

Rimbey RCMP warns property owners of ongoing paving scams and fraudulent contractor services. Recent incidents have involved illegitimate, out-of-town companies offering discounted asphalt-paving services to residents in smaller towns and rural residences.

Contractors claim to have leftover materials from previous jobs and offer to pave driveways and parking lots at reduced pricing. Companies may use business names that suggest they are affiliated with a government road maintenance department and typically provide false addresses or contact information. After contractors collect payment and disappear from the area, customers discover the materials used are poor quality and the work is unprofessional. Victims are left unable to contact the scammers and face expensive asphalt repairs.

Your Alberta RCMP in Rimbey recommends exercising caution when retaining contractor services. Keep the following tips in mind to avoid falling victim to a scam:

- Ask for names of previous customers and verify that they were satisfied with the work.
- Research the company through the Better Business Bureau in

- Alberta, the Consumer Investigations Unit, your local Rural Crime Watch, or on social media.
- Obtain a written quote that includes the full business name, address, phone number, GST number, as well as provincial and municipal license numbers, if applicable.
  - Quotes should specify the quantity and quality of materials being offered. Be skeptical if contractors decline to provide this information.
  - Seek estimates from reputable companies to compare costs.
  - Do not agree to a contract if you feel pressured or if the contractor refuses to take "no" for an answer.
  - Be leery of unsolicited offers. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

If you, or anyone you know, suspect a paving-contractor scam, please contact your local RCMP detachment at 310-RCMP (7267) or make a report to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre by calling 1-888-495-8501



**LACOMBE COUNTY**

**WE'RE HIRING!**

**Community Peace Officer**

Temporary Position (12-18 month contract)  
Anticipated start date: September 2, 2025  
10-hour days on a 4-day rotation

**Full Details**

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

Apply to [hires@lacombecounty.com](mailto:hires@lacombecounty.com). Applications will be reviewed on a continual basis. The position will remain open until filled, so early applications are encouraged.

## Find Lacombe County online



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# MIRROR CORNER



## Mirror and Lacombe County Vehicle Clean-Up

Say goodbye to your junk car in Mirror for free!



When?  
July 7-11, 2025

### Program Summary

For one week this summer, Popow's Towing will offer free towing of junk vehicles in Mirror.



### Program Details

- Vehicle owners are responsible for contacting Popow's Towing directly to arrange for the service.
- The service is free of charge. However, vehicle owners will not be compensated for the vehicle value.
- The vehicle owner must authorize a bill of sale to the towing company.
- The vehicle must be free of any household waste or fencing wires.
- The program is for passenger vehicles and does not apply to heavy equipment.
- The program is intended for Mirror, but Popow's Towing is willing to offer service to other County residents.
- Free towing service may be provided after July 7-11.
- Please Contact Popow's Towing for more information.

Contact Popow's Towing

403-782-2775

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The Mirror and District Museum Association is a volunteer based museum located in the Hamlet of Mirror which celebrates our local heritage. In addition to the main museum building, we have the CN caboose and boxcar, as well as St. Monica's Anglican church (built in 1895) and cemetery plus the old school building beside the church.

### Summer Employment Opportunity: Summer Assistant

Duration: June 23-August 31  
Part time position with hours  
10 AM- 4:30PM Wednesday-Sunday (with possibility of more)

#### The Ideal Candidates is:

- Are interested in the history of Mirror and the surrounding area
- Reliable, hardworking/motivated and organized with attention to detail
- Has excellent interpersonal and computer skills
- Willing to learn or be familiar with the "Past Perfect" computer program for museums
- Able to work independently with minimal supervision as well as part of a team

#### Duties:

- Open and close the museum, supervise the facility
- Greet visitors and offer assistance (museum tours, inquiries, tourist information, etc.)
- Office duties, record keeping, research, writing, and create of artifact labels and stories, photographing artifacts and entering this information on the museum software program (Past Perfect). Training/guidance will be given
- Assist in the creation of displays/exhibits and helping with program delivery, community planning/events
- Miscellaneous regular janitorial work (clean, vacuum, water/weed flower boxes, trim grass where needed, painting outdoors etc.)

Submit your resume or to direct any queries to:

mmuseum@cciwireless.ca

Or send it to our facebook page at:  
Mirror and District Museum Association



Get your applications in early!



## PROUD TO BE CANADIAN

COME HELP CELEBRATE CANADA DAY BY JOINING US AT THE MIRROR OUTDOOR RINK FOR OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL FIRE & FAMILY FUN

BONFIRE, FREE HOTDOGS, CHIPS, CAKE, BEVERAGE AND FUN FOR KIDS. ALL AGES WELCOME

SUNDAY JUNE 29 2025  
1-3 PM

PRESENTED BY MIRROR ASSOCIATION BALL DIAMOND, CAMPGROUND AND SKATING. A HUGE GRATITUDE OF APPRECIATION TO LACOMBE COUNTY FOR SUPPORTING THIS EVENT THROUGH RC9 FUNDING

### 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

## NOTICE | Weight Restriction on local bridge



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.

## CONSTRUCTION SEASON REMINDER

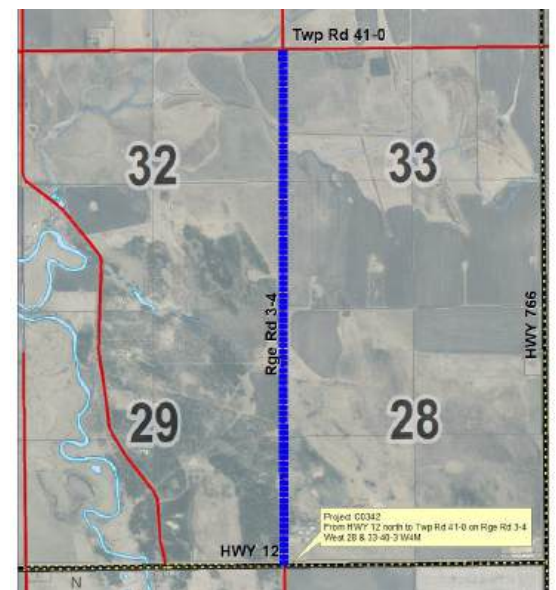
Please drive carefully around construction crews and obey **ALL signs and speed limits during construction**. If you have questions or concerns regarding any project, please contact the Operations department at 403-782-8379.

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

## CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION Range Road 3-4

Lacombe County is notifying residents of an upcoming road construction project starting on June 16, 2025 on Range Road 3-4 (West 28 & 33-40-3 W5 from Hwy 12 to Twp Rd 41-0).

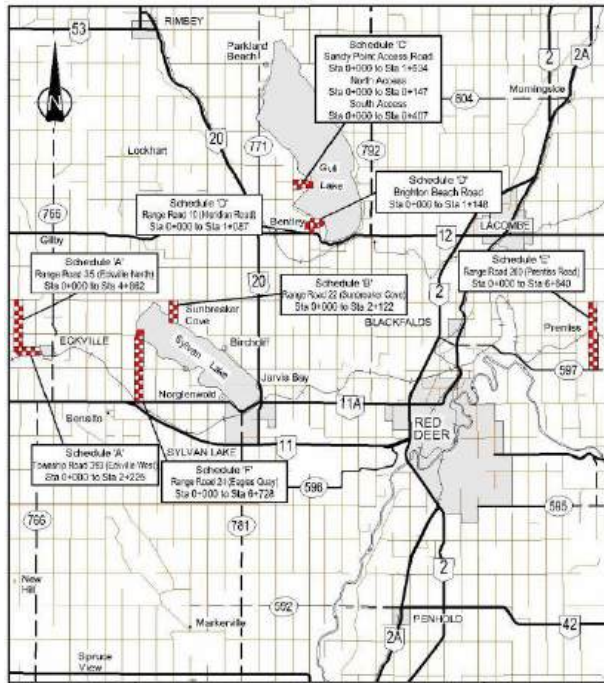
Construction will start Monday, June 16, 2025 and is expected to take +/- 5 weeks to complete (weather permitting). Minor delays may occur.



## Lacombe County 2025 Paving Program underway

Lacombe County has contracted Central City Asphalt Ltd. to pave the following roads:

- Rge Rd 24 (Eagle's Quay) (Schedule "F") from Hwy 11A to Eagle's Quay Sub-division for 6.728 km and Pelican Bay Access Road for 0.08 km, starting June 2.
- Prentiss Road (Rge Rd 260) (Schedule "E") from Hwy 597 to Lakeside Sargent Road for 6.640 km, starting July 2.
- Meridian Road (Rge Rd 10) & Brighton Beach Road (Schedule "D") from Hwy 12A to the east end of Brighton Beach Road for 2.235 km, starting July 6.
- Sandy Point Access Road (Schedule "C"), starting July 8.
  - from Rge Rd 11 to the "T" Intersection for 1.534 km
  - from the "T" Intersection to the Beach Access for 0.147 km
  - from the "T" intersection to the South Parking Lot for 0.407 km
- Sunbreaker Cove (Rge Rd 22) (Schedule "B") from the Boat Launch to Rainy Creek Road for 2.122 km, starting July 10.
- Eckville West (Twp Rd 393) & Eckville North (Rge Rd 35) (Schedule "A") from 53 St to Rainy Creek Road for 7.087 km, starting June 16.



## ROAD WORK NOTICE: Chip Seal work

Lacombe County has contracted Ant Construction Ltd. to apply a Graded Aggregate Seal Coat (Chip Seal) on the following roads:

- Last Hill Road (3.2 km) – Hwy 766 to RR 3-5
- Nova North Access – East Portion (1.6 km) – Nova Gate to Hwy 815
- 34th Street – Lacombe/County Boundary to Hwy 2A, and Twp Rd 41-0 to BF 1134

Work begins in June and is expected to wrap up by the end of August 2025 (weather dependent).



All work is expected to be completed by the second week of July (weather permitting). Work will include asphalt concrete pavement (EPS) and other work. Please contact the Operations department with any questions or concerns regarding this project.



# ENVIRONMENT

## Dog Control Bylaw update: No Dogs allowed on Sandy Point Beach

Lacombe County has updated its Dog Control Bylaw to include the *Designation of Prohibited Areas*, allowing us to restrict dogs from certain public spaces.

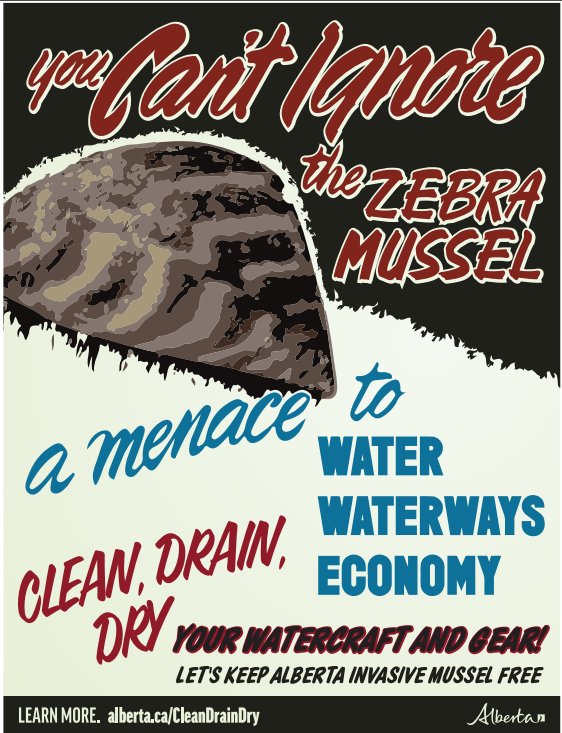
Effective immediately, dogs are not permitted (leashed or otherwise) on the beach at Sandy Point. **This change was made to help ensure the beach remains a safe, clean, and enjoyable space for all users.** This restriction does not apply to guide or service dogs.

Dogs are still welcome on the trails, in the parking lot, and in the green spaces surrounding the beach. Please help us ensure our parks and green spaces are clean and pick up after your pets.

Help us maintain a respectful and safe environment for everyone. Learn more at: [www.lacombecounty.com/dogcontrol](http://www.lacombecounty.com/dogcontrol).

### **\*\*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.



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

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

### WHY JRPM MATTERS

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

### TRAIL SPOTLIGHT

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

### TRAIL TIPS:

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

### LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

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

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

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

Learn more about Lacombe County's parks at  
[www.lacombecounty.com/parks/](http://www.lacombecounty.com/parks/)

# 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!**

www.lacombecounty.com  
403-782-8959

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## Changes to the Agricultural Container Recycling Program



### Agricultural Container Recycling

In January 2022 Clean Farms announced that the <23L Agricultural pesticide and fertilizer container recycling program will transition from a municipal-based collection model to a retail-based collection model across the province of Alberta over the next three years ending December 31, 2024.

**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 and Range Road 261 Ph:403-782-3033 (Seed & Pest. Bags, Ag Containers <23L, Tote Bags, Totes and Drums)
- Nutrien Ag Solutions – Bentley 4801-52 St 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.

For further information, contact your agricultural chemical retailer or Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission at (403)782-8970.

## PROTECT YOUR PINE TREES

Verbenone pouches now available

**Lacombe County is once again offering verbenone pouches to help landowners protect pine trees from Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) attacks.**

**AVAILABILITY:** June to September

**RECOMMENDED APPLICATION:** Early to mid-June through July

**MINIMUM PURCHASE:** 1 full package (5 pouches)

**COST:** 1 Package (5 pouches)/\$75.50 (inc. GST)

### PURCHASE PROCESS:

Ratepayers can purchase their verbenone at the the Lacombe County Administrative Office.

We have 20 packages in stock, available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, contact the Agricultural Services department at 403-782-8959.





# Celebrating Excellence in Agriculture: Lacombe County in search of the 2025 Farm Family Award recipient

Lacombe County and the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce are partnering for a third year on the Farm Family of the Year Award, aiming to recognize the exceptional achievements and contributions of ranch and farm families within our community. The winners of this esteemed award will be announced at the 2025 Chamber Gala in October.

“The Farm Family of the Year Award is a meaningful way to recognize the hard work, resilience, and innovation of our local farm and ranch families,” said Reeve Barb Shepherd. “These families are the backbone of our rural communities, and their commitment to stewardship and sustainability plays a vital role in shaping Lacombe County’s future. We are honoured to celebrate their achievements and the legacy they are building.”

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

The nomination form and award criteria can be found at <https://www.lacombecounty.com/FarmFamily>.

## PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE FARM FAMILY AWARD:

This is the third year that the County has led the

collection of nominations for the Farm Family Award. The past recipients include:

### 2024 – Cody Congdon & Family (Rocky Top Gelbvieh)

Cody Congdon and his family operate Rocky Top Gelbvieh, a purebred cattle farm known for its top-tier genetics and sustainable practices. The fourth-generation farm uses rotational grazing and a four-year crop cycle to promote soil health. Cody is actively involved in the Canadian Gelbvieh Association and promotes innovation in cattle breeding. The family’s teamwork and commitment to agriculture exemplify the values of Lacombe County’s farming community.

### 2023 – Grose Family (Rodono Industries)

The Grose family of Rodono Industries received the award for their leadership in technical farming, sustainable operations, and community involvement. Their operation blends tradition with innovation, contributing to both local food production and agricultural progress. The family is actively involved in rural initiatives and mentoring future farmers. Their values reflect the strength and resilience of Lacombe County’s farm families.

## ABOUT THE NOMINATION PROCESS:

The nomination period for the Farm Family Award is from May 16, 2025, until August 15, 2025. Nominations can be submitted in person or by email to [communications@lacombecounty.com](mailto:communications@lacombecounty.com). Eligible nominees must be Lacombe County producers whose primary source of income is agriculture.

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

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

Nomination forms must be completed in their entirety and submitted no later than August 15, 2025. For more information, please email [communications@lacombecounty.com](mailto:communications@lacombecounty.com) or call (403) 782-8959.

# Local resident represents Canada at World Angus Forum in Australia

Two weeks of adventure filled with new mates and mobs of cattle! Recently, eight Canadian youth delegates travelled to Australia to participate in the Zoetis World Angus Forum Youth Competition. Julie Sharp of Lacombe County was one of eight Canadian youth delegates who recently travelled to Australia for the Zoetis World Angus Forum Youth Competition. Julie was a member of Team Canada Eh, one of two Canadian teams competing at this international event.

Held over two weeks, the forum brought together 49 delegates from countries including Australia, New Zealand, the USA, and several from Europe

and South America. Youth participated in hands-on agriculture challenges, leadership workshops, cultural exchanges, and cattle industry tours across Sydney, Bathurst, and Tamworth.

Julie and her teammates showcased their skills in judging, showmanship, stock handling, and marketing. Among many achievements, Team Canada Eh earned Champion in Chute to Showing (Grooming & Fitting) and placed Reserve Champion in Judging Team. Julie also placed in the Top 8 Parader Qualifiers and helped her team win the Marketing Social Reel challenge.

The Canadian youth would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the Canadian Angus Foundation, Canadian Junior Angus Association, and Canadian Angus Association for providing this incredible opportunity to travel to the land down under!

Our Canadian teams had a number of successes throughout the week:

- **Champion Chute to Showing (Grooming & Fitting) Team Canada Eh**
- **Reserve Champion Chute to Show-**

**ring (Grooming & Fitting) Team Oh Canada**

- **Champion Individual Judge Garrett Liebreich**
- **Reserve Champion Individual Judge Kodie Doetzel**
- **Reserve Champion Judging Team Team Canada Eh**
- **Third Place Overall Meat Judging Team Team Oh Canada**
- **Champion Parader (Showmanship) Hillary Sauder**
- **Top 8 Parader Qualifiers Julie Sharp, Kodie Doetzel**
- **Marketing Social Reel Team Canada Eh**





# 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 NOTICE OF 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 on the most recent aerial photographs, or reports/updates from other sources.

Our Assessors are completing a cyclical/rotational property re inspection project throughout Ranges 1 & 2, lake communities and properties that have changed ownership this summer. Letters requesting information about these properties or the transaction 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.

## WHAT HAPPENS DURING AN INSPECTION?

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

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

- physically collecting/verifying measurements of buildings and other structures,

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

Assessors 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 of 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, 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 prevent the assessment review board from hearing a complaint about the property assessment the following year.

## WHY INSPECTIONS ARE ESSENTIAL?

The information we collect about a property must be current so Assessors can prepare an 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 Bepalko**

## 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).

## 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)**



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Greenhouses | Exploring Hidden Gems in Lacombe County

Now more than ever, it's important to support the businesses that call Lacombe County home. From long-standing shops and service providers to seasonal favourites and farmstands, our local businesses are the heart of our rural communities—and they need our support.

So far in 2025, many of our Business Spotlight features have focused on greenhouses—and for good reason! These vibrant spaces are more than just a place to buy plants. They're home-grown businesses with deep roots in the community, each offering something unique: from landscaping and decorative plants to fresh produce, U-pick berries, and even locally made goods.

This month, we're challenging you to get out and explore the hidden gems growing in your own backyard. Do you know how many greenhouses we have in Lacombe County? Better yet, have you visited them all? Whether it's your go-to stop every spring or a new destination off the beaten path, every greenhouse in the County has its

own charm and specialty.

It's the perfect time to discover something new, while shopping local and supporting local.

### FUN GREENHOUSE FACTS:

- Greenhouses extend the growing season by months—even year-round in some cases.
- Many use innovative technologies like drip irrigation, climate control, and LED lighting to improve efficiency and sustainability.
- Local greenhouse-grown produce travels fewer kilometers to reach your plate, keeping your food fresher and your footprint smaller.
- Every dollar spent at a local business—like a greenhouse—recirculates in the community up to six times more than a dollar spent at a big box store.

### CALLING ALL BUSINESSES!

Would you like to see your business featured in an upcoming Business Spotlight in the County News? Reach out to Lacombe County Economic Development to book your spot or learn more.

We're always looking to connect with both new and established businesses in our community. Whether it's a quick tour or a conversation about what you do, we want to hear from you and learn how we can support one another.

Are you an agricultural business in Lacombe County? This summer, we're especially looking to connect with ag-based operations to understand who you are, how things are going, and what might help your business grow. Let's talk!

Contact:

- [economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com](mailto:economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com)
- 403-782-8389

## Tourism in Lacombe County: A rural economy rooted in experience

When you think of economic development, you might picture industry, agriculture, or small business, but tourism and recreation are just as vital to the success of our rural economy. Tourism plays a valuable role in Lacombe County's local economy, supporting small businesses, creating seasonal jobs, and bringing new visitors into our rural communities. As we head into another busy summer season, it's a great time to highlight just how much tourism contributes to the success of our region.

From family farm experiences and scenic trails to rural markets and lake recreation, our County offers unique homegrown opportunities for both visitors and residents. For example, attractions like Kraay Family Farm—home of the famous corn maze and family-friendly fun—bring thousands of guests to the region each year, showcasing what rural Alberta has to offer.

The Ellis Nature Centre (formerly Ellis Bird Farm) offers another incredible destination—educating visitors about native birds and pollinators while connecting them to the natural beauty of central

Alberta. And for those looking to explore the County on foot or bike, the Trans Canada Trail runs through our region, offering a peaceful and scenic way to experience the land we call home.

Our local farmers' markets are also an essential part of our tourism and recreation economy. These markets give visitors a chance to support local producers and discover the creativity and hard work of our rural entrepreneurs.

Each of these experiences contributes to a stronger local economy. When you choose to explore Lacombe County, whether shopping local, walking a trail, or discovering a new attraction, you're helping small businesses grow and communities thrive.

This summer, we encourage residents and visitors to explore what Lacombe County has to offer. Whether you're picking up fresh produce, exploring a nature trail, or taking the family on a rural adventure, you're helping grow our local economy—and contributing to our message that Success Grows Here!

Want to see more? Check out our YouTube page to watch the Lacombe County: Success Grows Here! videos (<https://www.youtube.com/@LacombeCounty/videos>).

Learn more about the people and places shaping our region.

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## 40-year milestone for Wolf's Botanical



Lacombe County's Reeve Shepherd took part in Wolf's Botanical's 40th anniversary celebration in early June. From their humble start in 1985—working out of a 20x20 greenhouse with just five acres of cabbage—to becoming a local leader in custom growing and landscape design, Wolf's Botanical has blossomed into something truly special.

Congratulations to everyone at Wolf's Botanical on this impressive milestone—and thank you for 40 years of growing with our community!





# Children's Farm Safety Day 2025



On June 11, we hosted our largest Farm Safety Day yet, welcoming 320 Grade 5 students from Lacombe County. This event provided them with valuable insights on how to stay safe on farms, whether they live on or visit.

We were also honoured to have the Honourable RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation (Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation), join us for the morning sessions.

Each group of students participated in eight interactive stations, covering topics such as grain safety, fire safety, lawn mower safety, chemical look-alikes, equipment blind spot safety, quad safety, and post pounder safety.

**Events like this are not possible without the support of our incredible sponsors—several of whom have been with us since the event began in 2016!**

A big thank you to Nutrien Ag Solutions, Eagle Builders, NOVA Chemicals, Central Alberta Co-op, AltaGas, Stantec, Tru-Kare Tank & Meter Ltd., Co-operators (Advantage Insurance), D&M Concrete Products Ltd, Pembina, Clive Seed Cleaning Plant, and Parallax for your support!







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# Farm Safety Day 2025

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# SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

**May 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025**

**Development Applications Received**

| No. | File No. | Applicant  | Legal Description   | Proposed Development  | Decision<br>(otherwise pending) |
|-----|----------|--|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 1   | 53/25    | Ryan Brown   | Lot 10 Block 1 Plan 022 7273<br>(Burbank Industrial)      | 10,500ft <sup>2</sup> Cold Storage Quonset  |                                 |
| 2   | 54/25    | Charlene Hollinger                                     | Lots 1&2 Block 44 Plan 7159AI<br>(Hamlet of Mirror)       | Dwelling, Single Detached   | Approved                        |
| 3   | 55/25    | True-Line Contracting Ltd.                             | Pt. SE 2- 41-27-W4M                                       | Dwelling, First<br><i>Replacement Residence</i>   | Approved                        |
| 4   | 56/25    | Aptus Engineering Ltd.                                 | NW 21-39-03-W5M   | Campground, Major<br><i>Alberta Views RV &amp; Golf Resort<br/>Expansion</i>                    | Approved                        |
| 5   | 57/25    | Rainforth & Sons Ltd                                   | NE 03-40-25-W4M   | Addition to Dwelling  | Approved                        |
| 6   | 58/25    | Dynamic Modular Homes                                  | Unit 211 Condo Plan 142 2139<br>(Sandy Point RV Resort)   | Modular Home<br>w/covered deck  | Approved                        |
| 7   | 59/25    | Lorne & Bonnie Blumhagen                               | Unit 3 Condo Plan 142 2139<br>(Sandy Point RV Resort)     | Park Model<br>w/covered deck & 192 ft <sup>2</sup> shed   | Approved                        |
| 8   | 60/25    | Michael & Elisa Luymes<br>Harriet Luymes               | SW 15-41-27-W4M   | Recreation Facilities, Outdoor<br><i>Game On Combat Sports &amp; Gun<br/>Range</i>              |                                 |
| 9   | 61/25    | Hutterian Brethren Church of<br>Pleasant Valley Colony | NW 21-39-24-W5M   | Agricultural Support Service<br><i>Expansion of Toll Blending Inc.</i>                          | Approved                        |
| 10  | 62/25    | Debby Massner  | Lot 49 Block 5 Plan 152 4626<br>(The Slopes, Sylvan Lake) | Storage Shed  | Approved                        |
| 11  | 63/25    | Lacombe Corn Maze Inc.                                 | Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 142 2388<br>(Pt. SE 21-40-27-W4M)      | Agri-Tourism Business<br><i>Renewal &amp; Expansion</i>   |                                 |
| 12  | 64/25    | Pidherney's Inc.                                       | Pt. NW 18-39-26-W4M                                       | Sand & Gravel Pit<br><i>Renewal &amp; Expansion</i>   |                                 |
| 13  | 65/25    | Sunrooms R Us  | Lot 25 Plan 962 0517<br>(Birch Meadows, Gull Lake)        | Sunroom Addition  | Approved                        |
| 14  | 66/25    | J.D. Enterprises<br>Jim Matheson                       | Lot 15 Block 1 Plan 074 0789<br>(Pt. SE 29-39-02-W5M)     | Sunroom Addition  | Approved                        |
| 15  | 67/25    | Link Ventures Inc.                                     | SW 30-39-27-W4M   | Minor Business and Trade<br><i>Renewal, No Changes</i>  | Approved                        |
| 16  | 68/25    | Leigh McKinnon   | Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 192 1146<br>(Burbank Heights)          | Home Based Business, Minor<br><i>Renewal, No Changes<br/>Definitive Concrete Finishing Ltd.</i> | Approved                        |
| 17  | 69/25    | Dynamic Modular Homes                                  | Unit 219 Condo Plan 142 2139<br>(Sandy Point RV Resort)   | Modular Home  | Approved                        |
| 18  | 70/25    | Sunrooms & Awnings Ltd.                                | Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 912 1182<br>(Pt. NE 03-40-02-W5M)      | Sunroom Addition  | Approved                        |

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

**Contact Us:**

**Lacombe County  
Planning Services**

(403) 782-8389

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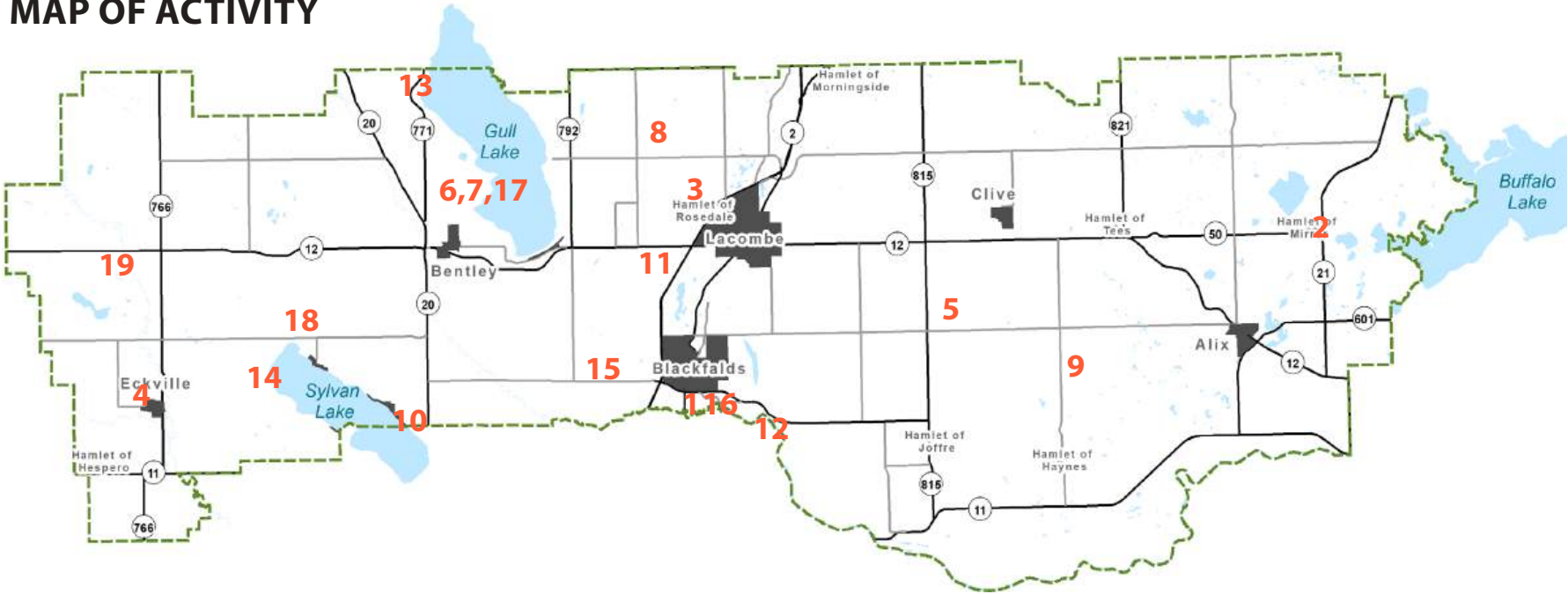
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**Daniella Gonzalez**

Planning Services  
Receptionist



MAP OF ACTIVITY



Subdivision Applications Received

| No. | File No. | Applicant               | Legal Description   | Proposed Subdivision | Decision<br>(otherwise pending) |
|-----|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 19  | S-017-25 | Rafter 17 Ranching Ltd. | Pt. NW 20-40-03-W5M | 1st Parcel Out       |                                 |

Planning Services

Frequently Asked Questions



YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Development Standards in Hamlets



WE HAVE ANSWERS

The County is home to many thriving hamlet communities. This article aims to shed light on some of the County’s development standards for our hamlet communities.

WHAT IS A HAMLET?

For the purposes of this article, we are discussing parts of the County zoned as hamlet districts under the Land Use Bylaw. Hamlet zoning can be found in Rosedale Valley, Morningside, Tees, Mirror, Joffre, Haynes, and Hespero.

BUILDING OR EXPANDING A HOUSE IN A HAMLET COMMUNITY.

If you are looking to build a new house or expand an existing house in a hamlet, a development permit is required from the County. Please contact Planning Services for information on how to complete an application. If you are in Mirror, Planning Services will work with the County’s Utilities Department to determine if development is possible on the lot based on the servicing availability and capacity.

STARTING A BUSINESS IN A HAMLET COMMUNITY.

If you are thinking of starting a business in a hamlet, the type and characteristics of the

business will depend on your zoning. The County’s Land Use Bylaw allows for home based businesses in hamlet residential areas if they do not cause nuisance to neighbouring properties. On hamlet residential parcels, a dwelling must be established on the property before you can get permission to operate a business.

A development permit is required for any business uses in hamlet areas, regardless of whether new buildings are being constructed or not.

If you have a business idea, Planning Services is happy to discuss this with you and provide guidance.

CAMPING OR RV STORAGE

Using an RV as a permanent residence is prohibited in the County’s hamlets.

RVs may not be stored on lots unless a dwelling has been established on the property. Camping or storing RVs on vacant lots is strictly prohibited.

One RV may be stored on a lot, only if that lot has a dwelling on it. This RV may be used for living and sleeping accommodations by visitors on a temporary, short term basis, not exceeding two (2) weeks.

UNSIGHTLY PROPERTIES

Alberta’s Municipal Government Act defines unsightly structures as “a structure whose exterior shows signs of significant physical deterioration” and defines unsightly land as “land that shows signs of a serious disregard for general maintenance or upkeep.”

Lacombe County’s Land Use Bylaw prohibits individuals from keeping an unsightly premises to the extent that it would detrimentally affect the repose, amenities, use, value or enjoyment of the surrounding lands in reasonable proximity to the unsightly premises, or is otherwise detrimental to the surrounding area.

Properties with excessive garbage, broken or dilapidated vehicles, dangerous objects, and other hazards may be considered unsightly. If a property is unsightly, the County may take enforcement action to ensure compliance with the County’s Land Use Bylaw.

If you have any questions about the County’s development standards for hamlets, please contact Planning Services at [planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com) or 403-782-8389.



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 8, 2025

## MEETING WITH JENNIFER JOHNSON, MLA

Council will meet with Jennifer Johnson, MLA, during the June 12, 2025, Council meeting. In preparation for the meeting, the County Manager was directed to submit a list of discussion topics to the MLA's office on Council's behalf.

## BUILDING CAPACITY FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN LACOMBE COUNTY PROJECT

Council received a presentation on the Building Capacity for Regional Economic Development in Lacombe County project from Mr. Paul Salvatore of Municipal Experts and Ms. Elan Buan of Schollie Research & Consulting. Council endorsed the final report, as amended, and directed Administration to proceed with implementation.

## PLANNING SERVICES UPDATE

Council received an update on the Planning Services department's progress and activities for April 2025.

## UNREGISTERED APPROVED ROAD CLOSURE PLAN 4359 EO

Council rescinded a 2013 resolution that had approved the closure of Road Plan 4359 EO, located in SE 18-40-23 W4M. The closure was never finalized due to unresolved access issues and a lack of registration. Council directed Administration to notify Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors of this decision.

## LACOMBE SOUTH CONNECTOR PLAN PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation on the Lacombe South Connector Plan from Mr. Brad Vander Heyden and Ms. Taylor Kusk of Stantec, and Jordan Thompson of the City of Lacombe.

## BLAINE CALKINS, MP UPDATE PRESENTATION

Council received an update from Blaine Calkins, MP, on federal government matters.

## FUNDING REQUEST TO SUPPORT CAMP L.G. BARNES' SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Council received a presentation from Mr. Chalmers, Executive Director of Camp L. G. Barnes, requesting \$22,000 in funding to support the hiring of a summer student. Council directed the County Manager to prepare a report and recommendations for consideration at a future meeting.

## LACOMBE LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN – ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Council supported the development of a Lacombe Lake Management Plan in partnership with the Town of Blackfalds, the City of Lacombe and other stakeholders. Lacombe County will act as the managing partner and submit an application to Alberta Municipal Affairs for an Alberta Community Partnership Grant to help support the project.

## AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING NOTES

Council reviewed the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) meeting and approved recommendations as follows:

- That Lacombe County Council receive the input provided by the Agricultural Service Board regarding the draft Farm Family Award Policy.
- That Lacombe County staff draft a letter of support to Cleanfarms supporting their pursuit of agricultural plastics recycling funding in Alberta.
- That the County Manager explore the development of a silage plastic and bale wrap collection program and provide a report detailing estimated program expenses and program structure for consideration at a future council meeting.
- That the Western Crop Innovation update be received for information.

- That the Classroom Agriculture Program report be received for information.
- That the input provided by the Agricultural Service Board regarding the 2025 Agriculture Guide be received for information.
- That the Lacombe ALUS presentation, the Alberta Wildlife Federation, High Fence Hunting Operation/Cervid Harvest Preserves and Chronic Wasting Disease presentation, and the Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, 2025 Field Inspection/Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation update presentation be received for information.
- That Lacombe County Council discuss potential Lacombe County involvement in ALUS programming at the December Committee of the Whole meeting.
- That the 2025 ASB Resolution responses be received for information.
- That the overview of the March 17, 2025, ASB Provincial Committee meeting be received for information.
- That the Crop Assurance Programming Section correspondence regarding the upcoming ASB field visit of Lacombe County be received for information.

## REQUEST FOR TAX INCENTIVE

A motion to direct Administration to develop a report outlining options and a recommendation for the development of a non-residential and machinery and equipment tax incentive bylaw and application process did not receive Council approval.

## REGIONAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Council considered a motion to direct the County Manager to work with the CAOs of the City of Lacombe and Town of Blackfalds on a draft Terms of Reference for a Regional Collaboration Committee. Council agreed to defer the decision for further consideration until after the upcoming Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework meeting with the Towns of Bentley and Eckville, and the Villages of Alix and Clive.

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 22, 2025

## WHISTLE CESSATION – LAKESIDE SARGENT AND HIGHWAY 2A

Council authorized the County Manager to initiate whistle cessation at the railway crossing located on Lakeside Sargent Road, just east of Highway 2A.

## REQUEST FOR CLOSURE AND SALE OF STATUTORY ROAD ALLOWANCE

Council approved second and third readings of Bylaw No. 1421/24, a bylaw for the purpose of closing to public travel and disposing of portions of a public highway in accordance with Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act.

## SOLAR UPDATE

Council received an update on the solar

photovoltaic system that was installed on the County Operations Shop building in June 2021.

## ACCRETION OF LANDS NEAR GULL LAKE

Council directed the County Manager to proceed with the accretion of Pt. E 1/2-35-40-28 W4 and NE-26-40-28-W4, and that the accretion costs be funded from the Community Resource Reserve.

## CAMP L.G. BARNES SOCIETY – REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING

A motion to approve a one-time grant in the amount of \$22,000 to the Camp L.G. Barnes Society did not receive Council approval.

## LACOMBE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE FOUNDATION – FACILITY OPERATING SUPPORT AGREEMENT

Council approved the renewal of the Facility Operating Support Agreement between the

Lacombe Performing Arts Centre Foundation and Lacombe County for an additional five years, with funding increasing to \$22,000 in 2026.

## 2025 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Council directed the County Manager to seek out proposals for auditing services for a three-year period starting with the 2025 audit year and to coordinate the request for proposals with other entities that receive financial services from Lacombe County.

## FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENT REVIEW – DISCUSSION PROTOCOLS

Council approved the Fire Services Agreement Discussion Protocols, as amended, as jointly developed by the Villages of Alix and Clive, the Towns of Bentley and Eckville, and Lacombe County.



# Centennial Park Gazebo opens in the Summer Village of Gull Lake

The Summer Village of Gull Lake officially opened the new Centennial Park Gazebo this month.

The gazebo project was initiated by the Gull Lake Community League (GLCL), which secured a \$10,000 in grant funding under Lacombe County's RC(1) Recreation Capital Policy to get things started.

In total, the GLCL contributed \$15,000 from its reserves. The Summer Village of Gull Lake also supported the project by allocating \$35,261 from its reserves and applying a \$35,184 grant from the Canada Community Building Fund. This project was a true collaboration between the GLCL, Lacombe County, the Summer Village of Gull Lake, and the Federal government.

# County crews support new soccer fields for Bentley



Lacombe County's construction crew recently wrapped up in-kind work for the Town of Bentley, helping develop new soccer facilities to support the community's growing league.

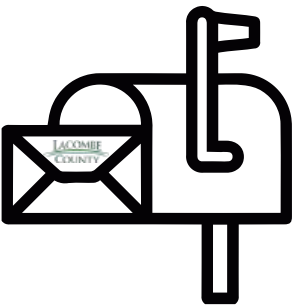
County crews completed all the earthwork for an access road, a running track, and space for four new soccer fields. They also placed topsoil on the fields, ditches, and slopes, and finished gravelling the road, parking lot, and running track.

The Town of Bentley will now take the lead on seeding the fields, with the goal of having them ready for use in spring 2026.

## 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?

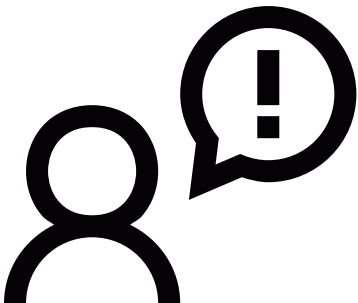
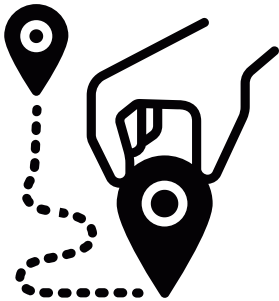
If you didn't receive your 2025 Assessment and Tax Notice by mid-June, contact the Lacombe County Office immediately.

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

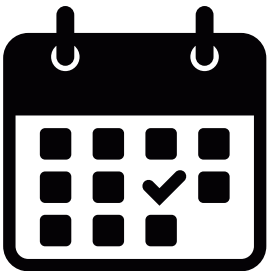
Questions regarding your property assessment can be answered by County assessment staff.

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)



# 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.**



## 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/>.**

LACOMBE COUNTY

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.

**TAX**

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



# New Restorative School Culture Program Launches in Central Alberta



**REPAIR  
harm  
RESTORE  
relationships  
BUILD  
community**

Rural Red Deer Restorative Justice (RRDRJ) is proud to announce the launch of its Restorative School Culture Program, a new initiative designed to transform how schools respond to conflict, harm, and student disengagement. The program is made possible through generous funding from the Alberta Law Foundation whose support is helping pave the way for a more connected, accountable, and resilient generation of youth.

Beginning this fall, the Restorative School Culture Program will be implemented across rural central Alberta schools, equipping educators,

school administrators, and students with the tools to address conflict through dialogue, relationship-building, and meaningful accountability. Rather than relying on punitive discipline, this approach centers around repairing harm, rebuilding trust, and restoring a sense of belonging in school communities.

"This program is about shifting school culture from punishment to restoration," said Jo Phillips, Executive Director of Rural Red Deer Restorative Justice. "We're creating spaces where youth feel heard, relationships can be repaired, and accountability is meaningful."

Key features of the Restorative School Culture Program include:

- On-site support and training for educators in restorative practices
- Circle-based dialogue to address classroom and school-wide challenges
- Restorative interventions for conflict and harm involving students, staff, and families

- Mentorship and coaching for school teams to sustain the work long-term

The program especially aims to serve students most at risk of exclusion or justice system involvement, including those from rural communities, racial and ethnic minorities, newcomer families, and 2SLGBTQ+ youth.

Through a combination of proactive classroom support and responsive restorative processes, RRDRJ hopes to build stronger, safer school environments where all students feel seen, supported, and heard.

For more information, or to bring the Restorative School Culture Program to your school, please contact:

Jo Phillips Executive Director, Rural Red Deer Restorative Justice [ed@rrdrestorativejustice.ca](mailto:ed@rrdrestorativejustice.ca)

**To learn more about the Rural Red Deer Restorative Justice Program, access their services, or find out how you can support this important work, visit [rrdrestorativejustice.ca](http://rrdrestorativejustice.ca).**

## Welcome JUNE at Ellis Nature Centre



We have begun our spring season strongly by welcoming plants,

birds, and other wildlife, along with our spring and summer programs. Thank you to everyone that joined us for our Opening Day events, lots of new and familiar faces!

We have some exciting owl news to share! We have finally spotted where the Great Horned Owls have been nesting, complete with at least two owlets! Ellis and Alberta didn't go far and found a nest to take over by the old beaver pond on our site (close to the butterfly garden). Even though we were sad they didn't nest in view of the camera, we're glad to see that they had another successful clutch and that we have new owlets on our site for another year!



During the last month at ENC, we have been seeing a lot of nesting activity from our bluebirds, we have confirmed that there are 18 nesting pairs within our monitoring program for this season. We are also seeing the purple martins and tree swallows' nest. All of which will be hatching and fledging within the next month. We are hosting mountain bluebird and purple martin tours, if you are interested, you may register online or call front desk.

Our summer day camps are open for registration! Check out our website for topics that range from farming, birds, wetlands, and wildlife!

Tickets for the 4th annual Harvest Dinner Fundraising Gala are available on the Lacombe Museum website. Please join us for an event that delivers a farm-to-folk experience featuring culinary skills from Milly Oak café head chef Derek Laydon. He is offering a local, home-made meal that is complimented with live and silent auction items, desserts, and live entertainment.

Thank you and have a wonderful June!  
Ellis Nature Centre

## Local youth benefits from generous donation



Wes and Joy Shackleton representing the Lacombe and area Masons and Eastern Star organizations, presented a new bike to Jonathan Davis, a student at Eckville Elementary.

**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)**





# 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**

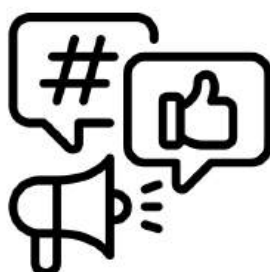
## Over The Hill & Loving The View

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.



## Find Lacombe County online



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# AROUND THE COUNTY



**Blackfalds' Servus Credit Union Public Library**



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

**Programming**  
Baby & Toddler Time *Ages 0-3*  
Music & Movement *Ages 1-4*  
Lego Club *Ages 5+*  
Reading Buddies *Ages 6-13*  
Anime & Otaku Club *Ages 8+*  
Knitting & Crochet *Ages 18+*

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

**★ Our Summer Reading Program will be starting on July 7th!**

**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

**TD Summer Reading Club**

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 1st we are open for a Public Swim from 1:00-5:00 pm only
- July 8th Fall registration opens for swim programs
- July 6th-13th is Shark Week at the pool. The week will be filled with shark facts and other fun activities.
- July 20th-26th is National Drowning Prevention week. We will have activities to raise awareness of drowning prevention.

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**

## Services Available

at Alix and Area Community Resource Centre



**Social Services**

- Food Hampers
- Information & Form Support
- Assistance in Navigating Systems and Accessing Services
- Meals on Wheels

**All Ages**

- Print/ Copy/ Fax & Technology Services
- Community Services and Events
- Volunteer Services
- Wellness Services
- Puzzle Exchange
- FREE Veggies

**Child, Youth & Family**

- School Setting Supports
- Youth Summer Programs
- Afterschool Program

**Senior & Adult**

- Seniors In-Home Supports
- Seniors Outreach Workers
- Transportation to Medical Appointments
- Adult Education and Career Planning

Summer activities for all ages...

**Coming Soon!**

Open Monday to Thursday  
10AM - 4PM  
\*Closed all statutory holidays\*

5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB  
403-396-3369

## Blackfalds RCMP BBQ

August 28, 2024  
4405 South Street  
Blackfalds  
11am - 3pm

**You're INVITED!**

• Bouncy Castles and emergency vehicles

More details to come





# Why Municipal Government matters – and why you should consider running for council this election

When most people think about government, they think about the federal or provincial levels. But it is your municipal government—the one closest to home—that often has the most direct impact on your day-to-day life.

From the roads you drive on, to the parks your family enjoys, to how communities are developed, to the snow being cleared after a storm—municipal government decisions affect you daily. In Lacombe County, Council plays a vital role in shaping these services and ensuring our communities thrive.

## LOCAL DECISIONS, LOCAL VOICES

Municipal councillors are your neighbours. They understand the needs of the region because they live and work here, too. Their decisions shape:

- Local road construction and maintenance
- Agricultural and environmental services
- Emergency response and fire protection
- Land use planning and development
- County-supported community programs and infrastructure funding

Running for municipal office is your chance to shape the future of your community. It's not about politics—it's about service, stewardship, and standing up for what matters to your neighbours.

## WHY RUN?

Municipal councils need people from all walks of life—farmers, business owners, parents, retirees, and everyday residents—who care about the places we call home.

- You know your community's needs.
- You care about how tax dollars are spent.
- You want to make a difference for future generations.

When you run for municipal council, you're stepping up to be a voice for your community. The decisions you make will directly impact your neighbours, your family, and your local quality of life.

Learn more 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



Your IDEAS

Your COUNTY

Be the VOICE!



LACOMBE  
COUNTY

**TOOLS for SCHOOLS & COATS for KIDS**

**APPLY NOW! DONATE TODAY!**

Donate or Apply Online  
403-782-6637 [lacombecfcss.net](http://lacombecfcss.net)

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

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



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 [mckenney.ab@gmail.com](mailto:mckenney.ab@gmail.com)

**McMan**

MCMAN YOUTH, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION

**McMan needs Foster Homes throughout the Central Region.**

Safe Children,  
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Supportive Communities.

For more information please  
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403-348-3008

**gull lake centre**  
[gulllakecentre.ca](http://gulllakecentre.ca)

**RISE UP**

**Summer Camps**

| CAMP                | AVAILABILITY | AGE      | DATE          | PRICE + GST |
|---------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| Scoutmaster         | Available    | 18+      | June 20-22    | \$180       |
| Scoutmaster's Adult | Available    | 18+      | June 20-22    | \$180       |
| Family              | Available    | All Ages | July 5-11     | see web     |
| Jr. Teens 1         | Waitlisted   | 12-14    | July 13-18    | \$599       |
| Kids                | Available    | 9-11     | July 20-25    | \$599       |
| Youth               | Waitlisted   | 16-18    | July 27-Aug 1 | \$599       |
| Juniors             | Waitlisted   | 12-14    | Aug 5-8       | \$480       |
| Jr. Teens 2         | Waitlisted   | 12-14    | Aug 12-15     | \$599       |
| Sr. Teens           | Waitlisted   | 14-16    | Aug 17-20     | \$600       |

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





# 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



## Bentley & District Ag Society

### Town & County Fair August 5 – 9, 2025

## Salute to The Educators, Teachers and Support Staff



For dates and times of all events. [www.bentleyagsociety.com](http://www.bentleyagsociety.com)  
Like us on



# 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](mailto:cffostercare@upcs.org)  
[upcs.org/services/foster-care](http://upcs.org/services/foster-care)







# 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



## JUNE NEWSLETTER

CLOSED JUNE 28, 2025 in lieu of Canada Day

 **MOANA 2** JUNE 19 @6:00

**-NATURE SKOOL-** Wednesdays @ 10:30  
Ages: 2 - 6

**-PROFILING ART-** June 5 @ 3:30

**BOOK PICK**

**"Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano**

**TWEEN Hot Dogs & Chips**  
Ages: 9-12  
June 12 @ 6:00

**TEEN Hot Dogs & Chips**  
Ages 13-18  
June 26 @ 6:00

**SUMMER READING CLUB**  
Wednesdays 6-12 years 10:30-12:00

**REGISTER NOW!**  
July 18 - Aug 20

**JUNE 4 & 18**  
3:30 -4:30 PM

**-LEGO CLUB-**

**LIBRARY BOARD AGM & MEETING JUNE 11 7PM @ LIBRARY**

5014 - 49AVE. 403-748-4626 [PRLAB.CA/BENTLEY](http://PRLAB.CA/BENTLEY)



| JULY 2025  |     |   |     |                             |                                      |     |
|--|-----|---|-----|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Sun  | Mon | Tue                                     | Wed | Thu                         | Fri                                  | Sat |
| 29   | 30  | JULY 1<br>CANADA DAY<br>(Office Closed) | 2   | 3                           | 4                                    | 5   |
| 6  | 7   | 8                                       | 9   | 10<br>County Council<br>9AM | 11<br>County News<br>Submissions Due | 12  |
| 13   | 14  | 15                                      | 16  | 17                          | 18<br>County News<br>Published       | 19  |
| 20   | 21  | 22                                      | 23  | 24                          | 25                                   | 26  |
| 27   | 28  | 29                                      | 30  | 31                          | AUG 1                                | 2   |
| Upcoming Events: August 4 - Heritage Day (Office Closed, August 28 - Council Meeting (9AM) |     |   |     |                             |                                      |     |

# ATTENTION:

## Notification of Access for County Assessors

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

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



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

### General

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| 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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