

County News

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Lacombe County to host voluntary Farm Vehicle Safety checks

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

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

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

In Alberta, farm vehicles are held to the same equipment regulations as commercial vehicles. Lacombe County's initiative aims to collaborate with our farming community to not only ensure compliance but also promote a positive image of our agricultural sector.

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

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

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

Event Details:

Dates & Locations:

- April 2: Rainy Creek Shop, located on Rainy Creek Road near RR 3-0, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- April 3: Tees Shop, located at the intersection of Hwy 12 and Hwy 821, Tees, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Additional Information:

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

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

FARM VEHICLE SAFETY CHECKS

Join us!

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

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

Reserve your spot on:

April 2, 2025

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

April 3, 2025

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

Contact Community Services to book your spots
403-782-8959 | tgessleman@lacombecounty.com

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



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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









AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS MEETING


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

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


THIS IS A PUBLIC MEETING. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



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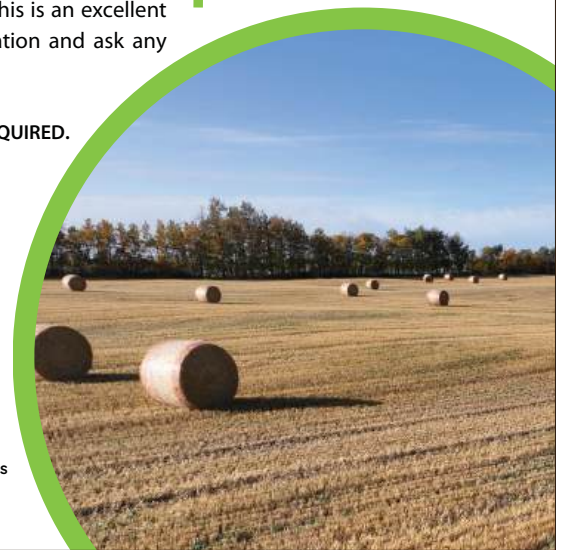
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Lacombe County Office

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

For more information, please contact Planning Services
403-782-8389 or planning@lacombecounty.com
or learn more at www.lacombecounty.com



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Location: Lacombe County Council Chambers

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

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

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

Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING



to update the Municipal Development Plan & Land Use Bylaw

BYLAWS NO. 1429/25 and 1430/25

Lacombe County reviews the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw each and every year, to ensure the documents continue to support our community's vision. If you are a County landowner, resident, or business, we encourage you to participate in the upcoming Public Hearing and provide feedback on the proposed changes.



Back in 2017 when the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw were adopted, the County committed itself to accountable and transparent decision-making and annual progress reporting. This allows the County to strive for continual improvement each year and ensures the documents are 'living documents', continuing to stay up-to-date with trends in land use planning, development pressures in the area, and the needs and desires of the local community.

WHAT IS A PUBLIC HEARING?

A Public Hearing presents the proposed bylaw, and gives members of the public an opportunity to speak to Council about it and provide input before adoption. Your input is valued and encouraged.

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed bylaw changes will have an opportunity to do so at the Public Hearing.

WHEN IS THE PUBLIC HEARING?

 **March 13, 2025**
 **9:00 AM**

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Participate in the public hearing to voice your opinion. There are 3 ways you can provide input!

- 1 Attend and speak in person**
Lacombe County Office, Council Chambers
Located 2½ miles west of Highway 2 at the intersection of Spruceville Road and Highway 12
- 2 Attend and speak virtually**
Join by Zoom or by Phone
Instructions for accessing the meeting by phone or computer/laptop can be found on the County's website at www.lacombecounty.com/annualreview
- 3 Provide written comments**
If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing but want to provide input, please send your comments to Planning Services prior to March 13, 2025. Your comments can be sent by:

EMAIL

FAX

MAIL

planning@lacombecounty.com

403-782-3820, or

RR 3, Lacombe AB, T4L 2N3

All submissions will be public information.

For more information
contact Planning Services
Cajun Paradis, Senior Planner
403-782-8389 or planning@lacombecounty.com

or learn more at

www.lacombecounty.com/annualreview



Rangeland Bison & Elk Inc:

A local success story and a reason to celebrate

Lacombe County is home to many innovative and hardworking businesses, and one of our own has just made national headlines! Canadian Rangeland Bison & Elk Inc., has been awarded the prestigious **2025 Product of the Year Canada™** in the **Better For You Snacks** category for their **Bison Steak Bites**.

Chosen by 4,000 Canadian consumers in an independent survey by Kantar,

this award recognizes innovation, quality, and consumer trust, a major win not only for Rangeland but for Canadian ranchers and the bison industry as a whole.

"This award highlights the growing demand for sustainable, high-protein snacks, and we're proud to bring 100% Canadian bison to more customers," says Dean Andres, CEO of Rangeland Bison & Elk Inc.

Rangeland has long been a leader in ethically raised, premium bison products, and their recent success is just another example of their commitment to quality and sustainability. Alongside their award-winning Bison Steak Bites, they've also earned the Best of Alberta Award for their Bison Premium Tomahawk Steak, further cementing their reputation as a top-tier producer in the province.

Rangeland is making clean, locally sourced protein more accessible than ever. Their Bison Steak Bites and Bison Brick are now available at Costco, expanding consumer access to sustainable, high-protein options.

As a company that works closely with local ranchers, Rangeland is helping drive awareness and demand for Canadian bison, creating new opportunities for farmers and strengthening the agricultural economy in Lacombe County and beyond.

WHERE CAN YOU PURCHASE RANGELAND'S PRODUCTS?

With a focus on sustainable ranching and exceptional quality, Rangeland's products have found a home in Costco locations, online marketplaces, and their own retail and distribution channels.

- Fresh Ground Bison is stocked weekly at select Costco locations in Western Canada, offering customers a nutritious, lean protein alternative.



Lacombe County is holding a **PUBLIC HEARING** to update the Land Use Bylaw



in Residential Districts

BYLAW NO. 1428/25

Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING to hear your input on the proposed bylaw changes that would update the regulations for animals in our residential areas.

WHAT IS A PUBLIC HEARING?

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Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed bylaw changes will have an opportunity to do so at the Public Hearing.

WHEN IS THE PUBLIC HEARING?

 **March 13, 2025**

 **7:00 PM**

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

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1 *Attend and speak in person*

**Lacombe County Office,
Council Chambers**

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

2 *Attend and speak virtually*

Join by Zoom or by Phone

Instructions for accessing the meeting by phone or computer/laptop can be found on the County's website at www.lacombecounty.com/animals

3 *Provide written comments*

If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing but want to provide input, please send your comments to Planning Services prior to March 13, 2025. Your comments can be sent by:

EMAIL planning@lacombecounty.com
FAX 403-782-3820, or
MAIL RR 3, Lacombe AB, T4L 2N3

*Individuals may speak for a maximum of 5-minutes.
All submissions will be public information.*

For more information
contact Planning Services
Cajun Paradis, Senior Planner
403-782-8389 or planning@lacombecounty.com

or learn more at

www.lacombecounty.com/animals



- Bison Steak Bites are available at limited times in Costco stores across Canada but can be conveniently ordered year-round on Costco.ca in a 70g format.
- For those looking for premium cuts, the Bison Tomahawk Steak can be shipped frozen directly to consumers across Canada from the Lacombe Distribution Centre (LDC) via Costco.ca.
- The Lacombe Distribution Centre (LDC), located behind the Rangeland Meat Shop in Lacombe, plays a key role in fulfilling orders for Costco.ca, <https://www.rangelandsteaks.com>, and <https://rangelandmeatshop.ca>.
- Customers can also pick up Steak Bites directly at the Rangeland Meat Shop in Lacombe.
- Rangeland's corporate offices, situated at the back of the Rangeland Meat Shop, manage distribution across Canada, the U.S., and the EU on a weekly basis.

With its roots in Lacombe County and a reach that extends across international borders, Rangeland Bison and Elk continues to showcase the excellence of locally raised, sustainable bison and elk products while supporting the local economy.

PROUDLY REPRESENTING LACOMBE COUNTY

It's always exciting to see local businesses making a national impact, and we are proud to celebrate Rangeland's success. Their achievements not only highlight the strength of our local agriculture sector but also reinforce the growing demand for healthy, sustainable food choices.

Congratulations to Rangeland Bison & Elk Inc. on this incredible accomplishment!

- Location: Lacombe, Alberta
- Website: www.rangelandbison.ca



**We Are
HIRING**

**AGRICULTURAL FIELD
OPERATIONS LEAD**

- ✓ Experienced with ag equipment
- ✓ Enjoy working outdoors
- ✓ Experienced leader
- ✓ Take pride in your work

Join our team! Submit your resume
by 8AM on March 3, 2025 to:

hr@lacombecounty.com

More Information
www.lacombecounty.com/careers

We're Hiring – Agricultural Field Operations Lead

Do you have experience operating agricultural equipment? Enjoy working outdoors? Skilled in leadership? Lacombe County is hiring a full-time Agricultural Field Operations Lead!

- Oversee roadside mowing & spraying to keep roadways safe and well-maintained
- Coordinate beaver & coyote control requests with landowners and contractors
- Manage ag plastics & twine recycling efforts with local producers
- Maintain essential agriculture equipment

Apply by March 3, 2025 to hr@lacombecounty.com.

Know someone who might be the perfect candidate? Send them to our website: www.lacombecounty.com/careers to see the FULL details!



**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Seasonal Jobs!

Deadline to apply March 3:

- Summer General Labourers
 - * Sandy Point Beach maintenance crew
 - * Maintenance crew
 - * Construction crew

Deadline to apply March 17:

- Weed Inspector / Sprayer Operator
- Sprayer Truck Operators
- River Weed Inspector

Full Details
www.lacombecounty.com/careers

Apply to hr@lacombecounty.com

**Find full details on
jobs and applying at
www.lacombecounty.com/careers**

WE'RE HIRING WE'RE HIRING WE'RE HIRING

Apprentice Welder

Permanent, Full Time | Deadline: March 3, 2025

Lacombe County is seeking a motivated 2nd or 3rd Year Apprentice Welder to join our Operations department. Working under the guidance of a Journeyperson Welder, this role involves performing welding, cutting, and metal fabrication on a variety of County equipment and infrastructure.

The ideal candidate will have experience with MIG, TIG, SMAW, aluminum MIG, and oxy-acetylene methods, along with strong mechanical skills and the ability to read blueprints.

Service Hand

Permanent, Full Time | Deadline: March 10, 2025

Lacombe County is hiring a Service Hand to assist the Road Mechanic in repairing, servicing, and maintaining County equipment. Responsibilities include inspecting and troubleshooting equipment, washing and cleaning machinery, operating the fuel and lube truck, and maintaining accurate service records.

This role requires knowledge of heavy equipment maintenance, a valid Class 3 Alberta Driver's License with Q endorsement, and the ability to perform physical tasks in various weather conditions.

Full Details

www.lacombecounty.com/careers

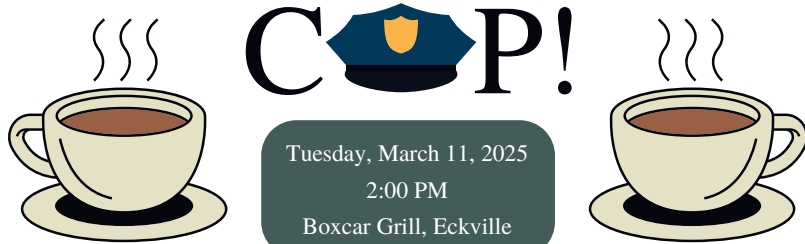
Apply to hr@lacombecounty.com



SAFETY FIRST

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Event Details

Come join Sylvan Lake RCMP officers for conversation over coffee.

Snacks and refreshments prepared by the Boxcar Grill in Eckville.

Contact Us

For more information, please reach out via email. We'd love to hear from you!

medicinerivercws@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Medicine River Crimewatch Society
Co-sponsored by the Boxcar Grill

Fire Permit season begins March 1: Don't forget yours!

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

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

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OBTAINING A FIRE PERMIT

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

Fire permits are not only free and easy to obtain, but they also provide a crucial layer of safety for our residents and their neighbours. Each permit includes detailed requirements to guarantee that burns are conducted safely and responsibly.

PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Lacombe County's Fire Protection Policy outlines strict consequences for burning without a permit. Offenders will face a mandatory \$300 flat rate charge for fire department responses not requiring suppression efforts, along with potential charges under the Forest and Prairie Protection Act.

SAFETY FIRST: CHECK WINTER BURN PILES

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

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

FIRE RESPONSE CHARGES

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

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

(These rates are current up to February 2025)

Clive District Fire Chief | Paid-on-call

Lacombe County and the Village of Clive are looking for a District Fire Chief (Paid-on-call position) to lead the Clive District Fire Department. This is a unique opportunity to make a difference in your community while leading emergency response operations, training firefighters, and ensuring public safety.

Key Responsibilities:

- Oversee department operations, budgeting & planning
- Lead emergency response & fire suppression efforts
- Train and mentor firefighters & new recruits

- Ensure compliance with fire safety regulations

What We're Looking For:

- Experienced fire service professional with strong leadership skills
- Knowledge of fire codes, safety regulations & emergency response
- NFPA 1021, NFPA 1033, ICS 300, and a Class 3 license (or willingness to obtain)

Full details at www.lacombecounty.com/careers.

MIRROR CORNER



2025 Mirror Dog Tags

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

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

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

Jolly Seniors

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

Booking Mirror Community Hall

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

Mirror and District Museum

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

Friends of the Mirror Library Society/ Mirror Library

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

Hours: Wednesday 1-5 PM
2nd & 4th Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM

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

Mirror Royal Canadian Legion Branch 189 - 5015 50th Avenue

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

CN Rail crossing delays

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

Mirror Rec Society AGM

We will be holding our annual meeting on THURSDAY March 6, 2025 @ 6:30PM. Mirror Community Hall

Interested volunteers please attend.

Mirror residents reminded to shovel sidewalks

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

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



Braving the Cold: Local Rescue Team's Efforts to Protect Animals During Extreme Winter Weather

In the face of extreme winter temperatures reaching -40°C, our dedicated team of staff, volunteers, and veterinarians have shown incredible resilience and compassion, rescuing a total of 89 dogs and 67 cats over the past two weekends. Despite the freezing conditions, these heroes worked tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of vulnerable animals in our community.

In addition to the rescues, the team went above and beyond by building shelters for the animals using over 350 straw bales, generously donated by a kind-hearted supporter. These shelters have provided critical warmth and protection for countless more animals, allowing them to weather the brutal cold with some degree of safety.

Thanks to these tireless efforts, many animals who were left exposed to the harsh winter conditions now have a second chance at life. The support from our community continues to be invaluable, and we are grateful to everyone who contributes to these life-saving initiatives.

As we move forward into the colder months, our team remains committed to rescuing and protecting animals in need. With continued support, we will continue to fight for those who cannot fight for themselves, ensuring that no animal is left to face the cold alone.

As we continue to rescue and care for these animals, our vet bills are mounting quickly, and we need your support more than ever. We rely on donations to cover the cost of food, medical care, and daily shelter operations, as well as supplies for our rescues.

We are also working hard to complete our much-needed vet clinic, which will save us thousands of dollars in the long run and allow us to provide even better care for the animals we rescue. Every donation, big or small, helps us continue this important work.

Please consider donating food, supplies, or monetary contributions to support our mission. Your generosity makes all the difference in the lives of these animals. Thank you for your continued support!

Please donate here: www.savinggracecanada.com

403-785-7427 www.savinggracecanada.com Alix, Alberta Email: savinggracecanada@outlook.com



OPERATIONS

Alix Fire Truck Fabrication Project

Thanks to the hard work and expertise of our shop team, the Alix Fire Department now has a new fully customized fire truck body that meets their operational needs.

In April 2024, our team took on the challenge of fabricating a new fire truck body for the Alix Fire Department. What started as a fill-in project that staff in the shop chipped away at when time permitted evolved into a full-scale effort by November 2024, with two staff members dedicated full-time to completing the build.

This project wasn't just about assembling metal and wiring—it was about creating a reliable, purpose-built vehicle that will serve the community for years to come.

Meet the Team Behind the Build

The success of this project was made possible by the dedication and craftsmanship of our talented team. Their combined efforts ensured that every aspect of the truck met the highest standards of durability and functionality:

- **Lawrence Vogel** – Body fabrication
- **Matt Salsbury** – Shelving, drawers, and trays
- **Jack Adcock** – Electrical work
- **Riley Kanngiesser** – Bodywork

From Blueprint to the Fire Hall

The fabrication process followed a carefully planned timeline:

- **April - Summer 2024:** Initial work began, focusing on building the framework and reinforcing the body.
- **November 2024:** The project ramped up with dedicated full-time resources.
- **January 2025:** The truck was completed and prepared for service.



Each phase brought the truck closer to completion—from structural reinforcement and wiring to final painting and detailing.

The result? A fully functional fire truck equipped with custom storage, electrical systems, and safety features tailored to the Alix Fire Department's needs.

Smart Savings for Lacombe County

In addition to being a showcase of our team's skills, the project delivered significant cost savings. A base-level truck from a commercial supplier was estimated at \$325,000—without custom features like specialized drawers and a turntable. By fabricating the truck in-house, Lacombe County's total cost to date is \$252,000, a savings of over \$70,000 while delivering a more customized and functional vehicle.

A Job Well Done

This project is a testament to the teamwork, problem-solving, and expertise of our shop staff. Their hard work ensures that local firefighters have the tools they need to protect lives and property in our community.

A big thank you to everyone involved in making this project a success! The Alix Fire Department started using the truck at the end of January, and we're proud to have played a role in supporting their important work.



REMINDER | Ice Fishing Hut Registration



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

All ice fishing shelters that are on the ice for more than 24 hours **must** be labelled (2.5 cm block letters) with WiN number or name

and phone number. **Ice fishing shelters must be removed from the ice by March 31.**

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

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

ENVIRONMENT

Native pollinators on your farm/ranch: How ALUS can help you help them!

By Ken Lewis, ALUS Lacombe Coordinator

Around a third of the world's food crops (including Canada's) depend on pollinators. So put simply, we depend on pollinators too.

Lots of the discussion around pollinators centers on the honeybee, a domestic species of bee that is invaluable to agriculture here in Central Alberta and beyond.

However, native pollinators are also tremendously important, both for our food production and for the many other ecological roles they play.

There's not a lot of science that's been done in Alberta about our native pollinators. What little we do know, is that a number of our native pollinators in Alberta are considered "at risk" (that is, they are species of special concern, threatened species or endangered species). The list of native pollinator species in Alberta considered at risk includes critters like the Yellow-Banded Bumble Bee, the Verna's Flower Moth, the Transverse Lady Beetle, and 14 more (see wildspecies.ca for additional information).

ALUS Lacombe wants to work with farmers and

ranchers in Lacombe County to do on-the-ground projects that support our native pollinator species. Specifically, we'd like to cost-share with you on one or more of these projects:

1. Planting multiple species of native flowering plants in an area. These flowering plants would collectively have a long flowering period, ideally from April through to September, to provide food all season long for our native pollinators. ALUS Lacombe could cost-share with you on establishing those plants, and could pay you \$75 per acre per year for the area in your planting project.
2. Fencing out small areas of your native upland range / native forest / native riparian area, to exclude livestock from those areas. This will enable native flowering plants to flourish and produce food for native pollinators, and help enhance other habitat features for them (for example, those who nest in the ground). ALUS Lacombe could cost-share with you on the fencing needed, and could pay you \$35 per acre per year for the fenced-out area you want to manage for native pollinator habitat.

3. Making small management changes to the cropland edges or field margins beside (or in) your annual crop fields. This could be as simple as deciding to start driving around those areas, instead of through them during field operations, so that native flowering plants growing there aren't being run over, or the soil isn't too compacted for ground-nesting pollinator species. Another example might be choosing to make a cropland edge / field margin slightly bigger, so that native flowering plants can grow in a larger area. ALUS Lacombe could cost-share with you on whatever "establishment costs" you might have, and could pay you \$100 per acre for those cropland edges / field margins that you're choosing to manage differently to benefit native pollinators.

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

2025 Resident Environmental Sustainability Program

This year's program offers an innovative indoor composting solution:

FoodCyclers™

SOLD OUT

Thank you for your support!

Registration is now closed for the 2025 Resident Environmental Sustainability Program.

Successful registrants will be contacted. Units are expected to ship mid-March, and registrants will be contacted for pickup and payment once the units arrive, which will be around the beginning of April.

For any further inquiries please reach out to Jordan Nakonechny, Environmental Coordinator at jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com or 403-782-8959

JOIN US

Medicine River Sampling Project

Update & a FREE Meal

Learn about the Medicine River Sampling and plans for 2025.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- **2024 Medicine River Sampling results**
Darian Coulter
- **Drought Impacts on Groundwater**
David Toop, Msc. P.Geo, Hydrogeologist, Alberta Environment & Parks Drought Response Team
Todd Aasen, P.Eng, Approval Manager, Alberta Environment & Parks

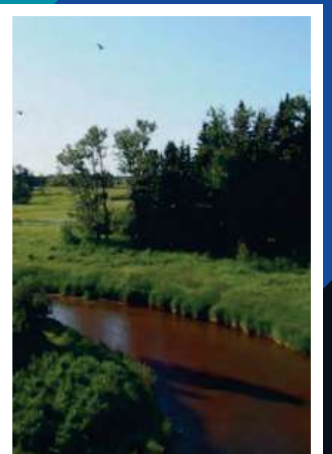
DATES/TIMES/LOCATION

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

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

Questions?

medicineriverwatershed@gmail.com



AGRICULTURE

Rat on Rats | Alberta Rat Control Program

Submitted by Karen Wickerson, Rat and Pest Specialist, Government of Alberta

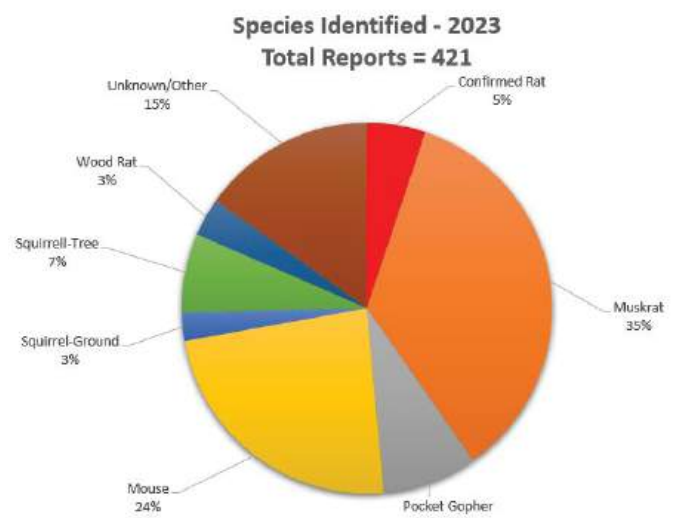
Albertans have enjoyed living without the menace of rats since 1950 when the provincial Rat Control Program was established. Alberta's rat-free status means there is no resident population of rats and they are not allowed to establish themselves. It does not mean we never get rats; small infestations and single rats are occasionally found in the province. When found, the rats are isolated and eradicated through proven control methods.

The program has remained successful due to the public reporting rat sightings. In 2023, twenty-three confirmed rats made their way into the province. The program receives approximately 500 reported sightings per year, close to half of which are muskrats.

The following graph shows the breakdown of species reported as rat sightings for 2023.

Albertans are encouraged to report rat sightings to 310rats@gov.ab.ca or 310-FARM.

For more information on the program: <https://www.alberta.ca/history-of-rat-control-in-alberta.aspx>.



Keep Alberta Rat-Free

Know how to spot a rat!

Rats can be anywhere from farms to cities, car engines to kitchens; and they can even hitchhike on vehicles to move from place to place. Rats spread disease, damage buildings and destroy crops. Learn the signs and be aware to keep Alberta rat-free.

Join the Rat Patrol!

Report sightings to rats@gov.ab.ca

Wild Boar in Alberta: Economic, Environmental, and Social Impacts

Wild boars, also known as feral pigs, are an invasive species in Alberta, with populations primarily in north-central and northwestern regions. They pose significant challenges across economic, environmental, and social sectors.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

- **Agricultural Damage:** Wild boars cause extensive damage to cultivated crops through rooting and trampling, leading to significant financial losses. In Texas, crop damage from feral pigs ranged from \$10,000 to \$300,000 USD between 1989 and 1994.
- **Infrastructure Damage:** They damage irrigation systems, ponds, and fencing, increasing costs for farmers and landowners.
- **Livestock Health Costs:** Wild boars carry diseases such as brucellosis, pseudorabies, and swine fever, which can spread to livestock and increase veterinary and management costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- **Ecosystem Disruption:** Wild boars uproot vegetation, alter plant community structures, and disturb native plant communities and forests.
- **Soil and Water Damage:** Their rooting leads to erosion, siltation of streams, and changes in soil chemistry due to increased nitrogen from their manure.

- **Invasive Species Spread:** Their soil disturbance creates ideal conditions for invasive plant species to establish and spread.
- **Loss of Soil Biodiversity:** Heavy feeding on earthworms and decomposers disrupts soil formation and nutrient cycling.

SOCIAL IMPACTS

- **Public and Livestock Health Risks:** Wild boars transmit diseases and parasites that pose risks to both humans and animals. Consumption of improperly cooked meat or contaminated water can lead to infections.
- **Safety Concerns:** Aggressive and highly intelligent, wild boars can be dangerous to humans and domestic animals.
- **Challenges in Control Efforts:** Non-professional hunting can make wild boars more evasive, complicating organized control measures.

For more information or to report wild boar sightings, contact 310-FARM (3276) or your local municipal agriculture department. You can report any sightings through AISC's free invasive species reporting app, EDDMaps (iPhone or Android), by emailing AF.wildboar@gov.ab.ca, calling 310-FARM, or by contacting your local municipality. More information can be found by accessing

AISC's [Squeal on Pigs Quick Facts Card](#) or [Alberta's Feral Pig Fact Sheet](#).

Lacombe County is hosting a workshop on March 26 to address the growing concern of wild boars, as well as rats, Richardson ground squirrels, and other predatory carnivores. See Page 11 for the workshop details.

Wild boar are an **invasive species** that threaten our **environment and economy**.

SQUEAL ON PIGS!

Learn more or report signs and sightings to:

- EDDMapS
- wildboar@gov.ab.ca
- 310-FARM
- your local municipality

Logos for Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, Alberta Pork, Alberta, and Canada.

Rahr Malting Co. achieves FSA Gold Level using Alberta EFP+ Program

The Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is proud to announce Rahr Malting Co.'s recent achievement of the Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) Gold Level, a recognition that underscores their commitment to sustainable practices in agriculture. Rahr Malting Co. was able to achieve this through use of the EFP+ Program, which allows Alberta producers to receive credit for both the FSA, under the international Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform, and the EFP workbook.

The FSA Gold Level is awarded to organizations that can demonstrate sustainable business practices in their supply chain considering sustainability standards of people, planet, and profit at the farm level. This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of both organizations to promote sustainable farming practices while ensuring resiliency of Alberta's agricultural industry.

"We are thrilled to have supported Rahr Malting Co. through the process to achieve FSA Gold Level" said Lisa Nadeau, Director of the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan. "This accomplishment highlights our shared commitment to sustainability and reinforces the sustainability of Alberta agri-food products when benchmarked on a global stage."

Rahr Malting Co., a leader in the malting industry, has long been dedicated to implementing innovative practices that minimize environmental impact while ensuring product quality.

"Our goal was to partner with an environmental organization that would benefit all our growers and allow us to expand our sustainability program globally," stated Kerby Heintz, Barley Account Manager, Farm Management Group Coordinator, at Rahr Malting Co. "The EFP+ team's hard work and dedication to our program has allowed us to let all our customers and industry partners know that we have one of the best sustainability groups in the industry."

The collaboration between Alberta EFP and Rahr Malting Co. serves as a model for other organizations in the agricultural sector, demonstrating that prioritizing environmental stewardship can lead to significant benefits for both producers and consumers, while providing Alberta products to global markets

Both organizations are committed to ongoing education and improvement, aiming to inspire others in the agricultural community to adopt similar practices and strive for excellence in sustainability.

Financial support for this project was provided under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Lacombe County is hosting an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Workshop on March 27. Check out the details on the next page (Page 11) and register today to start YOUR Environmental Plan.

ABOUT

Grain Bag and Twine Recycling in Lacombe County

Grain Bag Recycling



Details:

This service is offered free of charge to agriculture producers operating within Lacombe County. The grain bags will be rolled and collected on farm site for eventual delivery to a plastic recycling center in Alberta.

Requirements:

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

Twine Recycling



Details:

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

Requirements:

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



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

ATTENTION

Grain Bag and Twine Recyclers in Lacombe County

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

IT ONLY WORKS IF YOU RECYCLE RIGHT!!

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



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

UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS



Lacombe County EFP Workshop

Register to start your **Environmental Farm Plan!**

Bring your own device to complete your EFP at our in person workshop! Walk through the first 2 chapters of your EFP workbook with the help of an EFP Technician. Bring your questions! Be sure to register for the workshop to reserve your slot.

YOUR EFP IS...

- ✓ Confidential
- ✓ Free with an easy renewal process
- ✓ Supported one-on-one by a trained EFP technician
- ✓ Valid for 10 years with an easy renewal process

Follow the QR code below to register for the workshop today!

EVENT DETAILS

March 27th, 2025

10am-3pm

**Haynes Room
Lacombe County Office**

**40403 Range Road 274
Lacombe, AB**

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Find us at
1-587-200-2552 | info@albertaeefp.com
www.albertaeefp.com

We offer one-on-one assistance!
Reach out for help with your EFP

Scan the code to join our events



Lacombe County Presents

All About Trees

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

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


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

Topics Covered:

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

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

scan ME!








Rural Pests and Predators

How to prevent and mitigate problems

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

Join us to discuss the important issues facing Alberta producers:

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

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

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

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

Register on Eventbrite:
https://bit.ly/pests_and_predators
or by calling 403-782-8959

Scan to register



 **CAFLA**
CENTRAL ALBERTA FORAGE AND LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

THE ABC'S OF A SOIL TEST REPORT

Do you have an interest in soil sampling?

Have you completed soil sampling in the past but are unsure about the results?

MARCH 17, 2025
9:45 AM - 3:00 PM

LESLIEVILLE COMMUNITY HALL

Join us to learn The ABC's of A Soil Test Report, where we'll help you read and understand your soil testing. Whether you're new to testing or looking to take your data a step further, we will guide you through interpreting test results and understanding key soil indicators. Don't miss out on this chance to turn your soil data into actionable insights! This event is free, registration is required. Lunch is provided!

Use the QR code or contact us to register!
403-844-2645



SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Do you have
questions
about
subdivision
or
development
activity?

Contact Us:

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

Dale Freitag
Director of
Planning Services

Cajun Paradis
Senior Planner

Natasha Wright
Planner /
Development
Officer

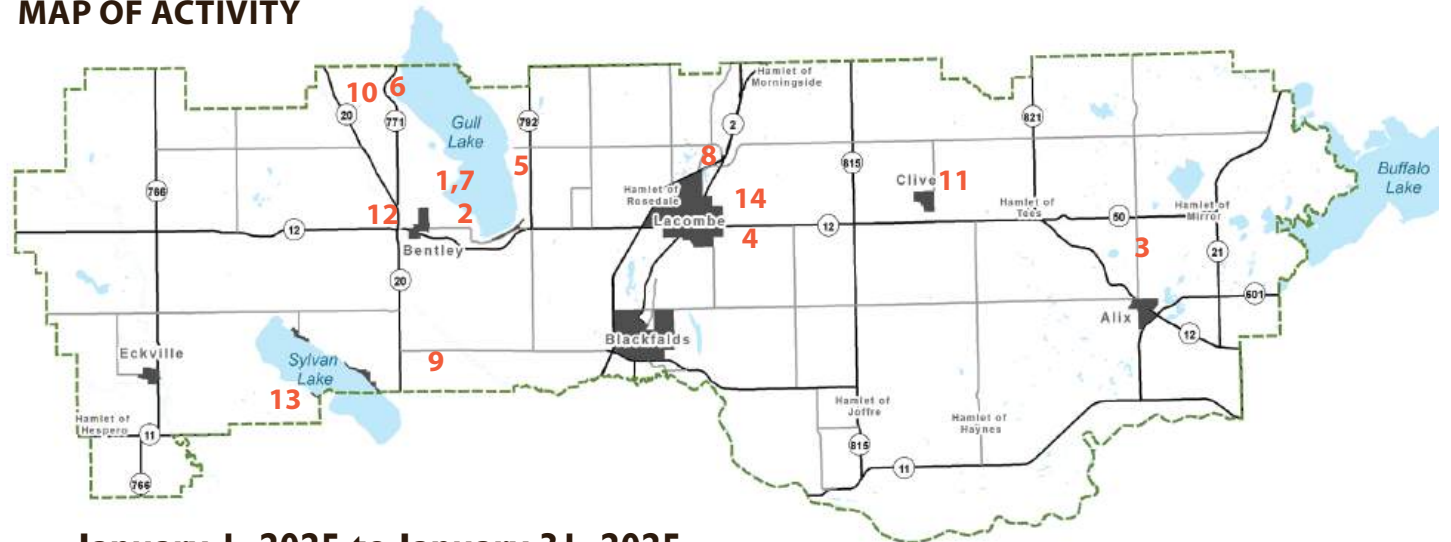
Nicklas Baran
Planner /
Development
Officer

Kerrie Taylor
Economic
Development
Officer

Allison Noonan
Planning Services
Administrative
Assistant

Daniella Gonzalez
Planning Services
Receptionist

MAP OF ACTIVITY



January 1, 2025 to January 31, 2025

Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision (otherwise pending)
1	01/25	1991744 AB Ltd.	Unit 162 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	1186ft² Modular Home with covered deck	Approved
2	02/25	Kevin & Shelby Klassen	Lot 12 Block 2 Plan 074 0315 (Lakeview Estates, Gull Lake)	320ft² Seacan Shed <i>Existing Structure</i>	Approved
3	03/25	Jason Allan	Pt. NW 13-40-23-W4M	Dwelling, Single Detached w/attached garage & two covered decks	Approved
4	04/25	Diamond Edge Baseball	Lot 5 Block 1 Plan 142 3957 (Iron Rail Industrial Park)	Recreation Facilities, Indoor <i>Baseball Batting Cages</i>	Approved
5	05/25	Chris Morrison	Lot 11 Block 1 Plan 172 0385 (Wilson Beach Estates)	Dwelling, Single Detached w/attached garage & covered deck	Approved
6	06/25	William & Rhonda Jennings	Lot 29 Block 4 Plan 062 2577 (Birch Bay, Gull Lake)	Greenhouse <i>Existing Structure</i>	Approved
7	07/25	Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 32 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	1364ft² Modular Home with attached deck	Approved
8	08/25	John and Marlene Ekkel	Pt. SW 16-41-26-W4M	Minor Business and Trade <i>Renewal, Central Alberta Pallet Supply</i>	
9	09/25	Gord & Lorrie Peterson	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 242 2515 (Pt. NW 23-39-01-W5M)	Riding and Boarding Facility <i>Renewal, Bella Coulee Acres</i>	
10	10/25	Kelly McTavish	Pt. NW-21-41-01-W5M	Bed and Breakfast <i>Known as Troubled Cowboy</i>	

Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision (otherwise pending)
11	S-001-25	Brenda Letkeman	NW 33-40-24-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
12	S-002-25	Evan & Kaitlyn Burton	Pt. NE 28-40-01-W5M	1st Parcel Out	
13	S-003-25	Valerie Pangle	NE 9-39-02-W5M	1st Parcel Out	
14	S-004-25	Jay & Jennifer Bruggencate Robert & Doris Chiswell	Pt. NW 26-40-26-W4M Pt. SW 26-40-26-W4M	Boundary Adjustment	

Lacombe County implements energy efficiency measures through comprehensive audit and retrofits

Lacombe County has taken significant strides towards energy efficiency and cost savings by conducting an energy audit of its Administration Building and completing retrofits at its Public Works Shop. These initiatives, supported by the Government of Alberta and the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) through the Community Energy Conservation Program, align with the County's commitment to sustainability and operational excellence.

The energy audit, conducted by Sustainable Projects Group (SPG), analyzed the Administration Building's energy consumption and identified practical measures to improve efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The audit revealed that the building's energy use could be improved by implementing recommendations such as upgrading equipment, improving insulation, and adopting energy-efficient technologies.

In tandem, the Public Works Shop retrofits addressed key energy efficiency opportunities:

- All exterior lighting was converted to LED fixtures, significantly reducing energy consumption

by an estimated 46,297 kWh annually—equivalent to \$6,087.73 in savings.

- Seals on 21 overhead bay doors were replaced, contributing to an estimated annual savings of \$3,278.65 and achieving a lifetime greenhouse gas reduction of over 640 tonnes across both measures.

"Lacombe County is taking proactive steps to reduce our environmental footprint while improving operational efficiency," said Barb Shepherd, Reeve of Lacombe County. "These projects underscore our commitment to sustainability and demonstrate to our citizens how local governments can lead by example."

"Lacombe County is joining a growing number of municipalities across Alberta that are taking meaningful steps to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions," said Trina Innes, Executive Director at the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre. "By investing in these upgrades, the County is demonstrating leadership in sustainability and showcasing how local governments can drive climate action."

Initiatives, like the Community Energy Conservation Program, enable municipalities to advance energy efficiency projects and reduce their carbon footprint. These efforts are part of Lacombe County's broader strategy to implement sustainable practices that benefit residents, businesses, and the environment.

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



RALP

RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPE PROGRAM

Prepare Your Farm's Future

Consider a 2025 Project

+ Rotational Grazing	+ Wetlands
+ Grass Waterways	+ Off-site Waterers
+ Intercropping	+ Tree Planting
+ Pollinator Habitats	+ Riparian Management

LEARN MORE

Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program Year 3 OPEN for applications

As of February 3, the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP) has opened for Year 3 applications. The RALP objective is to increase the environmental resiliency of agricultural landscapes by accelerating adoption of beneficial management practices (BMPs) that maximize provision of ecological goods and services (EG&S), particularly increased carbon sequestration and enhanced climate resilience.

Up to 100% of eligible expenses may be covered for approved grants to support producers in their ability to implement and maintain projects over a three-year term. Funding of up to \$150,000 for Primary Producers, and up to \$300,000 for Indigenous applicants or groups such as Grazing Reserve Associations and Community Pastures is available for eligible BMP projects. Funding is retroactive to February 1, 2025.

For comprehensive details, including the full Funding List and additional program information, please visit the RALP website: www.alberta.ca/resilient-agricultural-landscape-program.

FOR PROGRAM QUESTIONS, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

Connect directly with the RALP team:

- Email: ralp@gov.ab.ca

For one-on-one application support:

- Phone: 1-866-310-RALP (7257)
- Email: info@ralp.ca

General inquiries or to be redirected to the RALP team:

- Hours: 8:15 am to 4:30 pm (open Monday to Friday, closed statutory holidays)
- Toll free: 310-FARM (3276) (in Alberta)
- Phone: 403-742-7901 (outside Alberta)

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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LACOMBE COUNTY **SPOT light**

VALLEY CITY SALES INC.

For 17 years, Valley City Sales Inc. has been a trusted name in medium and heavy-duty truck sales, serving farmers, businesses, and industries across Canada. Located just off Highway 12 near Clive, Alberta, this locally owned dealership is a leader in the agricultural and commercial trucking sector.

Founded in August 2008 by Lyle

and Tina Pregitzer, Valley City Sales started with just three cars and one pickup truck. Today, their lot boasts an impressive 35-40 medium and heavy-duty trucks, making them the largest single-axle medium-duty truck dealership in Alberta and the province's top inventory supplier of grain trucks. Their reputation extends far beyond Lacombe County, with customers spanning across

Canada and even as far as Libya, Africa.

Valley City Sales specializes in a wide selection of trucks, including:

- Grain trucks (tri-axle, tandem axle, single axle)
- Gravel trucks
- Van bodies & flat decks
- Service trucks
- Highway day cabs & sleeper trucks
- Picker trucks & delivery trucks
- Cab & chassis trucks

With new inventory arriving regularly, they work closely with customers to find the right truck for their farm or business needs.

Having grown up on a farm, Lyle understands the demands of farm life and the importance of reliable equipment. "We've learned that there are some truly great farms and businesses out there. It's rewarding to work alongside them, helping them find the right truck solutions."

Working in agriculture has led to long-term business partnerships and many repeat customers, keep-

ing Valley City Sales connected to the local farming and business community. The Pregitzers also recognize the importance of supporting local businesses, relying on other local businesses like Kerry's Mechanical/Integra Tire (Mirror, AB) for truck repairs and tires and AEM Fabrication (Wetaskiwin, AB) for grain boxes, gravel boxes, landscaper boxes, and flat decks

Valley City Sales is grateful for the support of the Lacombe County community over the past 17 years. "We are blessed to be situated in one of the best counties in Alberta," says Lyle. "Agriculture is essential to all of us, without farmers, we wouldn't have food on our tables."

For farmers and businesses looking for quality trucks and personalized service, Valley City Sales Inc. is always ready to help.

- **Location:** Part of SE 25 40 25 W4TH, 25002A Hwy 12, Clive, AB
- **Phone:** 403-784-0009
- Licensed AMVIC Dealership



Dow Canada 2025 charitable grant program

Community organizations must apply by March 1, 2025

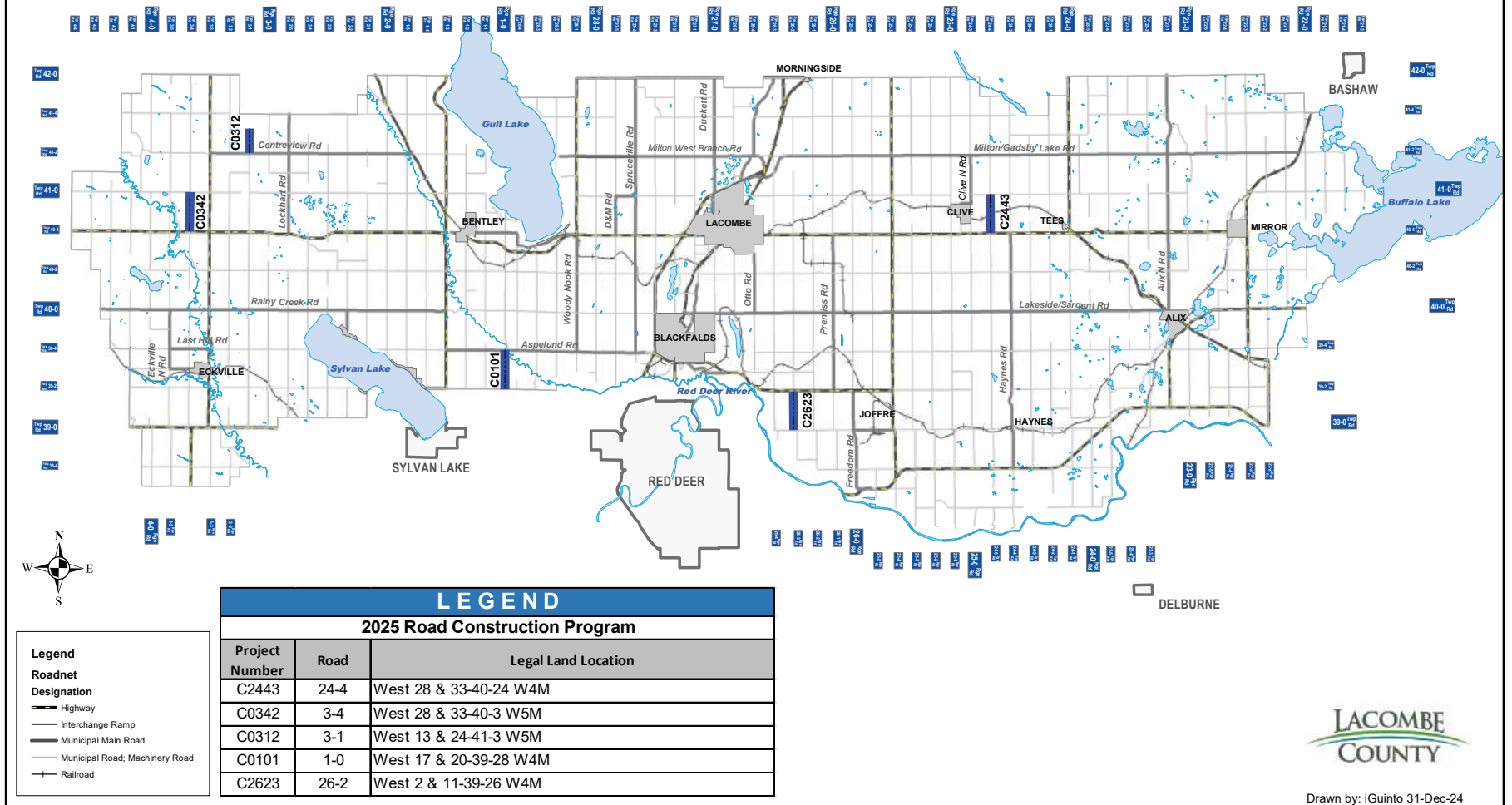
Throughout February, eligible organizations where we operate in Canada can apply for funding. The charitable grant program is designed to create lasting impact through financial and volunteer support for educational institutions, registered charities, non-profits, Indigenous organizations, and other eligible organizations.

Interested organizations can find complete details about the application process, eligibility, and how to apply on Dow Canada's website: <https://ca.dow.com/en-ca/about/partnerships.html>.

Community investment priorities are listed in the chart on the right.



2025 LACOMBE COUNTY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM



Drawn by: iGuinto 31-Dec-24

Lacombe County attempts to build 10-12 miles of local road each year. The long-range road construction plan is updated every second year. Gravel pit reclamation and development are also part of their scope of work. The size of the projects and weather patterns have a large effect on this program.

Scholarships available through Red Deer Polytechnic

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

Lacombe County Leadership Scholarship

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

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

Value: 1 @ \$1850.00

Lacombe County Leadership Scholarship for Apprentice

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

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

Value: 1 @ \$1850.00

Lacombe County Scholarship for Rural Students

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

Criteria: Academic achievement and financial need.

Value: 1 @ \$1850.00

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OFTEN HAS NO WARNING
SIGNS EARLY DETECTION
SAVES LIVES**

**GET
CHECKED**

**THE VISIT IS FAST,
FREE & NO APPOINTMENT
IS NECESSARY
PSA BLOOD TESTING
FOR MEN AGES 40-70***

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 12PM - 3PM
LACOMBE COUNTY
40403 RR 274, Lacombe Bldg

*Conditions apply.
Visit getchecked.ca for more information.



Apply from March 1 to May 31. Learn more at rdpolytech.ca.

Introducing the Lacombe County Business Recognition Program

Lacombe County is proud to announce the launch of the **Lacombe County Business Recognition Program**. This initiative has been designed to celebrate the contributions of local businesses to our community and economy. This program was approved by the Lacombe County Council in September 2024 and was officially launched on January 1, 2025.

Our County is home to a vibrant and diverse business community, and this program highlights our commitment to recognizing and supporting businesses for their years of dedication and entrepreneurial spirit. Whether it's honouring long-standing businesses or celebrating new start-ups, the program aims to strengthen community ties and encourage continued growth and investment in the region.

RECOGNIZING LONG-STANDING BUSINESSES

The Lacombe County Business Recognition Program will honor businesses that have reached milestone anniversaries of 10, 25, 50 years, and beyond (in 25-year increments). These milestones reflect the resilience, hard work, and community spirit of our local businesses.

Businesses reaching these milestones will receive:

- **10 Years:** Lacombe County Certificate of Recognition
- **25 Years:** Lacombe County Certificate of Recognition and Engraved Plaque
- **50 Years:** Lacombe County Certificate of Recognition and Customized Framed Aerial Photo
- **Beyond 50 Years:** Lacombe County Certificate of Recognition and Customized Canvas with a Collage of the Business History

Recognition includes a formal presentation at the business location with the division Councillor and other representatives (if available),

public acknowledgment on social media and the Lacombe County website, and a feature in the County News.

CELEBRATING NEW BUSINESS START-UPS

To encourage entrepreneurship, the program will also offer ribbon-cutting ceremonies for new businesses. This service is optional and provides a unique opportunity for start-ups to gain public recognition and community support. These events will also be highlighted in the County News, social media platforms, and Council reports.

Ribbon-cutting events will include participation from the division Councillor and other representatives (if available).

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the **Years of Service Awards** are open now! **The application period will close on February 28, 2025**, for the inaugural year. In subsequent years, applications will be accepted annually from December 15 to February 15.

New businesses interested in ribbon-cutting ceremonies must submit their applications at least 30 days before the event. Visit the Lacombe County Economic Development page at www.lacombecounty.com/business-recognition to apply or for more details.

This program reflects Lacombe County's dedication to building a stronger community, promoting economic growth, and fostering a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem. We encourage businesses and residents alike to take part in celebrating the incredible contributions of our local business community.

For questions or assistance with the application process, please contact the Economic Development team by email at economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com or by phone at (403) 782-8389.

→ YOUNG AGRARIANS → BUSINESS MENTORSHIP NETWORK

Do you love farming but feel overwhelmed managing your farm business? Are you running a new farm or taking over the family farm and looking for business support?



GROW YOUR FARM BUSINESS WITH THE SUPPORT OF AN EXPERIENCED FARMER!

Young Agrarians Business Mentorship Network matches new and next gen farmers 1-10 years in business with mentors to cultivate the skills for running financially and ecologically viable farms. Mentors support you to dig into the business of farming and lay the groundwork for long-term sustainability.

Mentorship opportunities are available in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

MENTEES RECEIVE:

- 30 hours of business mentorship with an experienced farmer
- Webinars on business basics, finance, marketing and more
- A profile feature on the YA website and social media
- Opportunities for peer networking and monthly virtual meet ups



TO LEARN MORE & APPLY VISIT:

youngagrarians.org/business-mentorship-network

📞 @youngagrarians ✉️ business@youngagrarians.org

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

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

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

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

How TIPP Works:

- Taxes are billed in May and cover the calendar year (January 1–December 31).
- Your monthly payment is calculated by dividing your most recent tax bill by 12.
- Payments start January 15 and ensure your account is fully paid by December 15.

What you need to know:

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

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

DID YOU KNOW? Assessment

Assessors completed annual inspections for the 2024 calendar year (2025 Tax Year). Development permits consisted of, but not limited to, new and progressive construction (e.g. dwellings, garages, modulars, and warehouses), changes in the use of property, home based businesses, etc. We also reviewed changes identified from signage, advertising, social media, aerial photography or various conversations with County staff and patrons. Inspections are conducted so all characteristics affecting value are considered when the Assessor determines the property's assessment. For the 2025 tax year, the assessment must reflect the physical characteristics of the property as of December 31, 2024. The assessment is an estimate of the market value of the property as of July 1, 2024, prepared using mass appraisal.

FAQ: I constructed a new building on my property, it is not considered complete by the physical condition date. How does this affect my assessment?

- The Assessor will value the current (progressive) state of construction as of December 31st. For example, if construction was deemed to be 50% complete by this date, the assessment would reflect this progressive value for the 2025 tax year. Once the development is completed the following year, the structure will be assessed at its full market value.

If you received a call back card at your property, we appreciate your cooperation so we may equitably complete the assessment with the available information as accurately as possible. If you chose not to respond, the Assessor is still required to prepare the assessment for the 2025 tax year. The Assessor will use any available information to do so from sources such as visual inspection of the exterior of the building, real estate listings, development and building permit information, etc.

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.



LOTS FOR SALE

Deadline: April 4, 2025

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

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

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

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

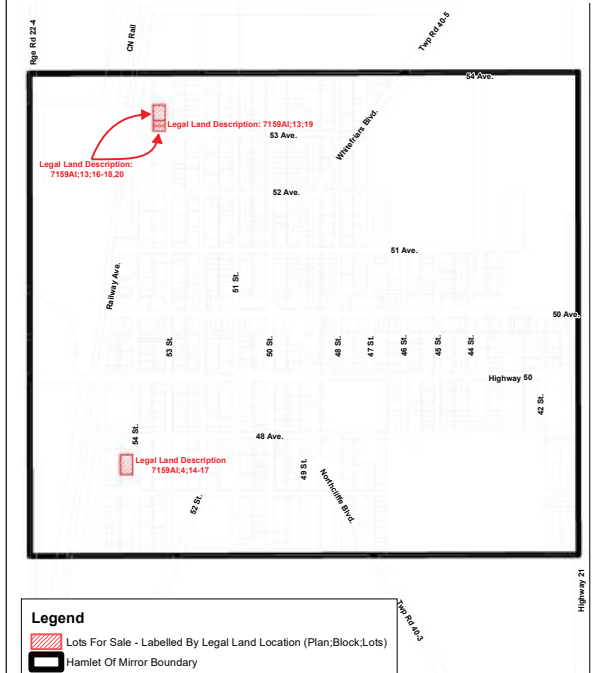
If interested, please submit your proposal in a sealed envelope marked **"Proposal – Mirror Property. Attn: Gail Klassen."** All proposals must include a 10% refundable deposit based on the proposed purchase price.

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

For more information, contact:

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

PROPERTY SALE MAP (Hamlet of Mirror)



Tax Installment PAYMENT PLAN



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

Contact Lacombe County at (403) 782-6601 or visit www.lacombecounty.com for more details.



Automatic
Budget-friendly
Simple
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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 9, 2025

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT PLAN REQUEST

A motion that Lacombe County approve the payment plan proposed by Avila Energy for its tax account with payments paid over a thirty-six month period starting March, 2025, and with the stipulation that penalties during the term be waived, did not receive Council approval.

PROPERTY TAX PENALTY CANCELLATION REQUEST

A motion that Lacombe County approve the tax penalty cancellation of \$597.30, as requested by the property owner, tax roll #4027113028, did not receive Council approval.

LONG RANGE PLANNING SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATE

The Long Range Planning Services Program Update for 2025-2027 was presented to Council.

TOWN OF BENTLEY ANNEXATION

Council received an update on the Town of Bentley Annexation.

PLANNING SERVICES UPDATE

Council received an update on the progress and activities of the Planning Services department for 2024.

PARTICIPATION IN CENTRAL ALBERTA TOURISM ALLIANCE

Lacombe County will become a member of the Central Alberta Tourism Alliance (CATA), at a cost of \$5,000, for 2025.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Council received an update on the progress and activities related to Economic Development in the County.

2024 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

Mr. Nick Harper was awarded the 2024 Environmental Stewardship Award of \$1,500.

2024 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION (COR) MAINTENANCE AUDIT

The County's 2024 Maintenance Certificate of Recognition (COR) Audit results were presented to Council.

WATER AVAILABILITY ENGAGEMENT STUDY

An overview of the Water Availability Engagement Survey, initiated by the Government of Alberta, was presented to Council. Council endorsed Administration's draft responses to the survey, as amended, and directed Administration to submit the finalized responses by the deadline.

CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE

An update to the Lacombe County 2022-2027 Corporate Business Plan was presented to Council.

AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-2028 LONG TERM ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

An amendment to the County's 2024-2028 Long Term Road Construction Program was approved by Council.

PAID PARKING 2024 SEASON REVIEW

An overview of the Paid Parking Program for the 2024 season was presented to Council.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING WITH MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

The County Manager was directed to submit a meeting request for Council to meet with the Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, during the 2025 RMA Spring Convention.

2025 UTILITY RATE BYLAWS

Council approved first, second and third reading for the following 2025 utility rate bylaws:

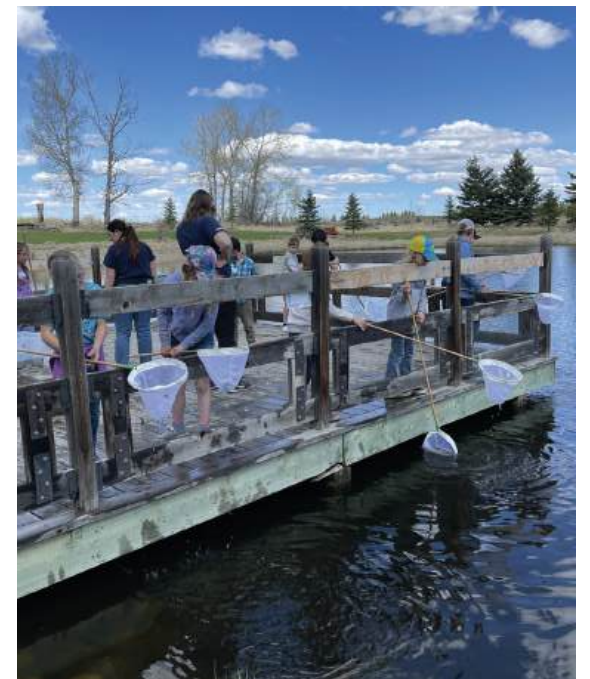
- Bylaw No. 1423/24 Aspelund Industrial Parks Water and Wastewater
- Bylaw No. 1424/24 Mirror Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Services
- Bylaw No. 1425/24 Lakeview Estates Water Services
- Bylaw No. 1426/24 Sylvan Lake Communal Sewage Services
- Bylaw No. 1427/24 QEII West Lacombe Business Parks Water & Wastewater Services

Ellis Nature Centre preparing for 2025 season

Wishing all a happy February from the Ellis Nature Centre! We have been busy preparing for the upcoming open season and can't wait to do everything we have planned. Already, we have roughly 90% of our time slots for our spring education programmes filled. The education programmes are hands-on learning activities for school and club groups. Each lesson, tailored to the appropriate grade level, allows for an engaging experience for all participants.

Last year we had 1,886 kids from 45 different groups take our education programmes. This is one of our most successful and popular programmes; the available time slots fill quickly! If you are interested in your school or club group attending one of these programmes, then we heavily recommend that you check out our website as soon as you can. The registration forms and more info are under the Education tab, at ellisnaturecentre.ca.

Thank you to everyone who has ever attended one of these programmes! We love being involved with the community and public. Sharing these learning experiences with you has always been a highlight of the previous seasons. We are very excited to meet both new and old faces in the Spring Programme, starting this May. Take care until then!



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 30, 2025

ADVOCACY FOR AMENDMENTS TO PROVINCIAL OFFENCES PROCEDURE ACT

Council approved a resolution advocating for amendments to section 31(5) of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act to allow for the service of bylaw offence notices via ordinary mail, and authorized its submission to 1) the February 7, 2025 Central Rural Municipalities of Alberta meeting, and 2) the Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2025 Spring Convention. Administration was directed to further engage with the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officer (AACPO) and the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association (AMEA) to seek their support in advancing the initiative to amend the POPA.

ENDORSEMENT OF CLEARWATER COUNTY RMA SPRING RESOLUTION

Council agreed to second the Clearwater County resolution titled "Improving Community Peace Officer Support and Safety", which will be presented at the Central Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Zone meeting on February 7, 2025, and, if approved, will be submitted for consideration at the RMA 2025 Spring Convention.

RURAL MUNICIPALITIES OF ALBERTA BOARD GOVERNANCE REVIEW MEMBER SURVEY

Council directed that the Council completed Rural Municipalities of Alberta Board Governance Review Member Survey be submitted.

SHOWCASE ALIX RAPID RESPONSE FABRICATION

Council received a presentation and tour of the new Alix Rapid Fire Rescue truck.

DISC GOLF PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation on the Rosedale Valley Disc Golf course.

RC(1) APPLICATION – TOWN OF BENTLEY SOCCER FIELD

Council approved \$360,917 of in-kind labour, equipment time and material toward the construction of two soccer fields and amenities

at the Bentley Sportsfield, with this work to be funded from the County's operating budget allotment for road construction.

BDO LLP AUDIT PLANNING REPORT TO COUNCIL

Council received an overview of BDO Canada LLP's plan for the audit of the consolidated financial statements of Lacombe County for the period ended December 31, 2024.

2025 TAX YEAR COPTER APPLICATIONS

Council directed that a bylaw exempting from property taxation those properties owned by the Birch Bay Boat Club and the Central Alberta Sailing Club be drafted.

2024 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Council received an update regarding the 2024 Environmental Action Plan.

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

An overview of the 2025 Environmental Action Plan was presented to Council.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING NOTES

Council reviewed the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) meeting and approved recommendations as follows:

- That Lacombe County Council send a letter to Alberta based Senators identifying concerns with Bill C-293 and the livestock industry.
- That Lacombe County Council direct the County Manager to prepare a report and recommendation regarding the development of a bylaw to regulate the raising of wild boards in the County for consideration at a future meeting.
- That the 2025 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolutions be received for information.
- That the 2024 Insect Surveillance Report be received for information.
- That the 2025 Agricultural Extension

Activities Report be received for information.

- That the ASB Provincial Committee meeting update be received for information.
- That the Rahr Malting Co. Achieves FSA Gold Level document be received for information.
- That the Environmental Farm plan 2023-2024 Annual Report be received for information.
- That the January 15, 2025 Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be approved as presented.

ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION – REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITY

Council agreed to participate in the Alberta Community Partnership Grant application with the City of Lacombe and the Town of Blackfalds to explore the feasibility of a Regional Recreation Facility. The City of Lacombe will be designated as the managing partner for the project.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS

Council directed the County Manager to submit a meeting request for Council to meet with the Honourable Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, during the 2025 RMA Spring Convention.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING WITH THE RCMP COMMANDING OFFICER AT RMA

Council directed the County Manager to submit a meeting request for Council to meet with the RCMP Commanding Officer during the 2025 RMA Spring Convention.

LACOMBE FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION AWARDS NIGHT & BANQUET – REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP

Council approved the sponsorship request from the Lacombe Fish and Game Association to purchase a table of 8 for the Awards Night & Banquet event, scheduled for March 29, 2025 at the Lacombe Memorial Center.

Council Highlights & Minutes can be found on our website at www.lacombecounty.com/en/our-government/agendas-and-minutes.aspx



Nominations are OPEN

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

Visit LacombeCounty.com/Election for more details



2025
Municipal Election

✓
Your IDEAS
Your COUNTY
Be the VOICE!
✓

LACOMBE
COUNTY

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Home Support Services

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Services Offered:

- Laundry
- Kitchen, Living room, Bathroom cleaning
- Dusting
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- Vacuuming
- Meal prep assistance
- Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly
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Lacombe & District FCSS:
403-782-6637

Bentley FCSS:
403-748-2160

Clive FCSS:
403-784-2020

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Golden Circle Outreach Bentley



Outreach Services Available:

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

1 (877) 454-2580

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

For more information contact

Outreach Coordinator:

(403) 343-6074



Walk-In's at Bentley Care Centre/Community Services

1:00pm-3:30pm

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025

Tuesday, March 18th, 2025

Tuesday, April 8th, 2025

Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025

Please contact Barb Carson at the Town of Bentley if you have any questions.
community@townofbentley.ca

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

STAY IN THE KNOW!

<https://subscribe.lacombecounty.com/Subscribe> to

receive emails on:

News/Announcements Events
Council Meetings
Safety Alerts
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Scan & Subscribe

OR...Subscribe to individual pages of interest



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*

After School Fibre Arts Club *Ages 10+*

Card Club *Ages 18+*

Evening Pajama Story Time *All Ages*

Family Board Games *All Ages*

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

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

Visit us on our website & social medias



WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre



When: March 11 - 20, 2025
Where: Facebook @AlixandAreaCommunityResourceCentre

Please look ahead to our next fundraiser and consider helping out!

Every March we host 'Winter Wishes' programming to help get our community through the last of winter and boost morale!

Programs include:

- 1) A complementary gift for all ages, including free warm seasonal items (during March).
- 2) A pantry top-up to replenish staples, also available for anyone (during March).
- 3) And an online auction, a fun way to support the Centre—either by donating or placing bids during the Facebook event.

Auction details:
We are accepting cash, gift cards, gift baskets, experiences or items. We are happy to receive both anything new/ like new or money towards a purchased lot. Proceeds support programs for ALL AGES at the Alix and Area Community Resource Centre.

Please contact Jill, before March 6, 2025, if you are interested in making a donation.
(403) 588-5199

Services Available

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

alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com
Follow us on Facebook @AlixandAreaCommunityResourceCentre
www.alixcrc.com

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

Closed all statutory holidays
Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB
403-396-3369



IMPORTANT NEWS

BENTLEY RODEO AND AG SOCIETY

BENTLEY RODEO



IT IS OFFICIAL

WE ARE SAD TO ANNOUNCE THE CANCELLATION OF THE 2025 BENTLEY RODEO DUE TO PERTINENT UPGRADES OF THE FACILITY.

WE WILL RESUME OUR ANNUAL RODEO IN AUGUST 2026. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

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:

- March 17th St. Patrick's Day—wear green and get your name put in a draw
- Registration is now open for March Break lessons
- Special schedule for March break from March 24-28, 2025
- Escape the Freeze with the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre Beach Bash March 30, 2025. Tickets on sale March 3, 2025 at the pool office.

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







GRANT WRITING 101 WORKSHOP

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

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

GRANT WRITING 301 WORKSHOP - LACOMBE

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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

Visit www.lacombe.ca/grants to register and to see Lacombe's local grants.

Hear application tips from Lacombe area Grantors to successful. Learn the do's, don'ts and common issues in grant writing at the local level. Suggested Prerequisite – Grant Writing 101(201 optional) Supper is included with your free registration by February 19, 2025.

For more information email recreation@lacombe.ca or call 403-782-1251.

Lake Life Under the Stars!



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park@rochonsands.net

Rochon Sands - rochonsands.net/rspp

Narrows - rochonsands.net/npra



BENTLEY BOUTIQUE

Use west entrance beside bay door.
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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
403.748.2348

MABDC&SS PRESENTS:

2ND ANNUAL MAY LONG WEEKEND SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT

MAY 16-19, 2025

MIRROR, ALBERTA

MIRROR BALL DIAMONDS & CAMPGROUND

TEAM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

- Free camping
- Food trucks on site
- Cabaret Saturday May 17th
- Registered teams get FREE entry into Cabaret
- Maydays Celebration on Saturday! Parade & Activities

- \$400 entry fee
- 6M 4W Format
- Umps provided
- First 12 teams guaranteed to play! (Others will be placed on a waiting list)

REGISTER NOW! Contact Dianne 403-391-4083

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- ✓ Fosters teamwork & leadership skills
- ✓ Improves body image & overall quality of life

WE STILL HAVE A FEW WEEKENDS OPEN FOR SUMMER 2025!

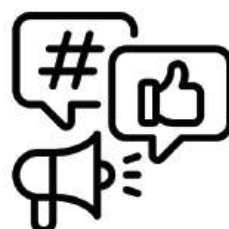


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APRIL 11 & 12, 2025

ENCORE ART SALE

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Blind Date With a Book

Take a chance on love...with these books!

Check out one of our wrapped up 'Blind Date' books, read & rate your date Feb 3-March 3

Review forms due by March 3 to enter the prize draw

Have fun! Discover something new & read outside your comfort zone!

Read the book (or at least 100 pages) and tell us what you thought of the book and you will be entered to win the Blind Date grand prize. Entry form included inside the wrapped book

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RISE UP

2025 Summer Camps - Registration Opens Jan 9

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

*Early Bird \$50 off until Feb 28

Sign up at gulllakecentre.ca/camps

LINCOLN HALL SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING

Join us for Hall updates and voting on important matters. Become a member online or at the meeting!

MARCH 18th 2025 at 7PM

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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

Available on lacombelibrary.com or at the library

Lacombe Arts Endowment Grant 2025 Call for Submissions

Open to Artists of all forms and mediums

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

\$2,500 Maximum Per Grant

Details are available online at www.lacombe.ca or by calling 403-782-1258. Application packages can also be picked up in person at City Hall.

Application Deadline is March 31, 2025

LINCOLN HALL NEWS

Hall Renovation

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

Upcoming Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars: The AGM has been set for Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there!

Future Events worth mentioning

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

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

Nailed It! PAINT NIGHT

Not a typical "Paint Nite" lesson, everyone will paint with no instruction.

Join us for a night of pure painting fun & entertainment!

Prizes for the top 3 favourite paintings!

March 7
6:30-9:00PM
KINSMEN ROOM, LMC

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For Adults

\$15/person Payment required ahead of program

Register online, in person at the library or phone: 403-782-3433

Forshee Hall AGM

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

Sunday, March 23th @ 4 PM

forsheehall@gmail.com

FOUR EYES FILM SERIES PRESENTS

ALL WE IMAGINE AS LIGHT

ONE NIGHT ONLY! MARCH 19
AT 7PM @ LACOMBE CITY CINEMAS

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Upcoming Events: April 1: Committee of the Whole, April 2 & 3: Farm Vehicle Safety Checks, April 10: County Council, April 22: All About Trees Workshop, April 24: County Council

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