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## Construction planned in 2026 for the anticipated Gull Lake Regional Trail

Lacombe County is excited to announce the construction of the Gull Lake Regional Trail, a 14-kilometre pathway that will transform recreation opportunities and strengthen connections between communities around Gull Lake. Approved as part of the 5-Year Recreation Capital Plan, this project will be built in three phases, with Phase 1 starting this summer.

"This trail is more than just a recreational project—it's about creating connections," said Bill Cade, Lacombe County's Director of Operations. "It will link communities, provide safe and scenic routes for residents and visitors, and enhance the overall quality of life in Lacombe County."

### THREE PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT

The project will roll out in stages:

- Phase 1 (Spring 2026):** Construction begins on key sections that provide immediate connectivity between major access points.
- Phase 2 (2027):** Expansion to link additional subdivisions and recreational areas.
- Phase 3 (2028\*):** Completion of the full trail loop, ensuring seamless access for residents and visitors.

*\*If needed*

Once complete, the trail will connect Bentley and Sandy Point on the west with Alberta Parks, Ebeling Subdivision, and the Summer Village of Gull Lake to the south, and extend to McLaurin, New Saratoga, and Wilson's Beach on the east.

### A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

The success of this project is built on strong partnerships. Lacombe County is working closely with the Summer Village of Gull Lake and Alberta Parks to ensure the trail reflects a shared vision of accessible, sustainable outdoor spaces.

"The Summer Village of Gull Lake is thrilled to be part of this initiative," said Tim DeVries, Public Works Manager for the Summer Village of Gull Lake. "The new trail will give residents and visitors an incredible way to experience the beauty of our lake while promoting active, healthy lifestyles."

### BENEFITS FOR THE REGION

The Gull Lake Regional Trail will:

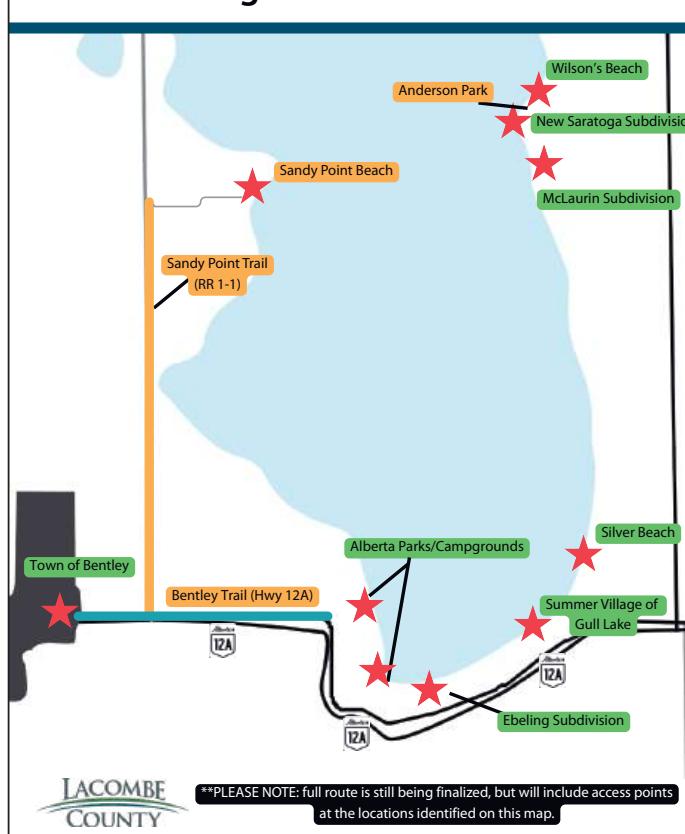
- Offer a scenic route for walking, cycling, and outdoor activities.
- Foster community connection by linking neighbourhoods and recreational destinations.
- Attract visitors and boost local tourism.
- Promote health and wellness through active lifestyles.

As Cade noted, "By working with our partners and investing in recreation infrastructure, we're building something that will benefit generations to come, while supporting our goal of providing people with outdoor spaces to connect with nature and enjoy sustainable recreation."

### LOOKING AHEAD

Construction on Phase 1 begins this spring, and Lacombe County looks forward to welcoming residents and visitors to explore Gull Lake like never before. Watch our website and social media for updates as the project progresses.

### Gull Lake Regional Trail route locations



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# JOIN US: Seasonal Opportunities

**To express interest in the jobs below, please forward your application no later than 8:00am, February 23, 2026 to [hr@lacombecounty.com](mailto:hr@lacombecounty.com).**

## WEED INSPECTOR/ SPRAYER OPERATOR

(full-time, 4-month, and  
full-time, 6-month)

Lacombe County is seeking a Weed Inspector/Sprayer Operator for the Agriculture Department. This role includes conducting weed inspections on public and private lands, educating landowners, and operating herbicide application equipment to control noxious weeds. Applicants should have agricultural knowledge, strong communication skills, and the ability to work independently outdoors.

**Dates:** April to late-August (4-month)  
April to late-October (6-month)

**Hours:** Monday to Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm

## SANDY POINT BEACH MAINTENANCE CREW

(full-time, 4-month seasonal OR 5-month seasonal)

Join our team as a Sandy Point Beach Labourer in the Operations Department. This position involves maintaining beach areas, cleaning facilities, emptying garbages, and operating small equipment for landscaping and upkeep. Ideal candidates enjoy working outdoors, are self-motivated, and can interact professionally with the public.

**Dates:** Late-April to late-August (4-month) | Late-April to late-September (5-month)

**Hours:** Sunday-Thursday (7:00am - 5:00pm) OR  
Tuesday-Saturday (9:00am-7:00pm)

## MOWER OPERATOR

(full-time, 5-month seasonal)

Join Lacombe County as a seasonal Mower Operator in the Community Services Department. This position involves operating mowing equipment to maintain municipal road allowances and public lands, performing routine maintenance, and ensuring safety compliance. Ideal candidates are dependable, safety-conscious, and able to work outdoors in physically demanding conditions.

**Dates:** Mid-June to mid-October.

**Hours:** Monday to Friday, 7:00am – 5:00pm

## RIVER WEED INSPECTOR

(full-time, 2-month seasonal)

We're hiring a River Weed Inspector for a unique summer role in the Community Services Department. This position involves canoeing local rivers to handpick prohibited weeds along sensitive riverbanks, occasionally using backpack sprayers, and ensuring environmental stewardship. Candidates should be physically fit, self-motivated, and comfortable working outdoors in variable conditions.

**Dates:** July and August

**Hours:** Monday to Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm.

**To express interest in the jobs below, please forward your application no later than 8:00am, March 9, 2026 to [hr@lacombecounty.com](mailto:hr@lacombecounty.com).**

## MOTOR SCRAPER OPERATOR

(full-time, seasonal)

Lacombe County is hiring a Motor Scraper Operator for the Operations Department. This role involves operating a motor scraper to move and level dirt for road construction projects, reading grade stakes, and performing routine equipment maintenance. Candidates should have experience with heavy equipment, knowledge of road construction techniques, and the ability to work outdoors in physically demanding conditions.

**Dates:** Late-April to late-November

**Hours:** Monday to Friday, 7:00am – 5:30pm

## WATER TRUCK/PACKER OPERATOR

(full-time, seasonal)

Join our team as a Water Truck/Packer Operator in the Operations Department. This position supports road construction projects by operating water trucks and packers, performing safety checks, and assisting with general construction tasks. Applicants should have experience with construction equipment, a Class 3 driver's license, and the ability to work outdoors in all weather.

**Dates:** Late-April to late-November

**Hours:** Monday to Friday, 7:00am – 5:30pm

## FENCING LABOURER

(full-time, seasonal)

Lacombe County is seeking a Fencing Labourer to assist with removing and installing fences, operating tractors, and supporting culvert and erosion control installations. This role requires physical strength, attention to safety, and the ability to work outdoors in variable conditions. Preference is given to candidates with fencing or construction experience.

**Dates:** Late-April to late-November

**Hours:** Monday to Friday, 7:00am – 5:30pm



# ATTENTION WILSON'S BEACH RESIDENTS

New municipal addresses have recently been assigned to all properties in the Wilson's Beach subdivision and official notification letters containing each property owner's **new municipal address were mailed in early December 2025**.

**Please watch for this important correspondence.** Using the correct municipal address is essential for emergency services (911), deliveries, and various other purposes. We kindly ask residents to begin using their new address as soon as possible and to update it with banks, utilities, government agencies, and other contacts. Thank you for your cooperation.

# ASSESSMENT 101

## *What you need to know*

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### 1. What value is reflected in my assessment?

For assessment purposes in Alberta, most properties must meet a valuation standard of "Market Value". Cost and sales comparison approaches to value properties are primarily used in Lacombe County to determine market values. The physical characteristics and condition as of December 31 is the basis while the value is reflected as of July 1 the year prior to taxation. 'Regulated' rates established by the Provincial government are used to value farmland and machinery & equipment properties. Properties containing the necessary elements to be considered 'farm' or 'machinery & equipment' are typically a blend of market value and regulated rates. The elements necessary for these classifications are set by the Province.

#### 2. Development and/or safety code permits were not issued for the build or development on my property does this mean it is not assessed and taxed?

Even though permits were not issued, an assessment of the property must still be prepared. Planning and Development are subject to different parts of the Municipal Government Act than Assessment and Taxation of property. Planning and Development sets out the permitted or allowable uses; however, the assessment prepared is based on what is actually occurring and existing on a property. Assessors record and reflect the actual use and physical condition of all buildings/ improvements on the property when preparing assessments. All existing properties are reviewed on a cycle to ensure all buildings and improvements are considered in a property's valuation.

#### 3. An Assessor visited my property toward the end of last year and collected information about my property including a building that's still under construction. Is

an assessment prepared even though part of my property isn't complete?

Properties with new construction, progressive buildings, or changes in use are tracked and reviewed annually. Permits may help Assessors to identify the properties requiring a year end inspection. In the event a construction or development project takes multiple years to complete, the Municipal Government Act instructs Assessors to evaluate the portion of the project in place as of December 31.

#### 4. I received a letter asking information about my property, do I have to respond?

There are several details about your property including the activity that occurs on it that are necessary for an Assessor to fairly classify and evaluate your property. If you are curious as to why the information asked for is necessary, please call the Assessor and have a conversation with him or her. Provincial legislation requires property owners to submit this information. A property's owner ability to have their assessment complaint heard by an assessment review board may be impacted if the information is not provided in a timely manner. If you received a survey and have not replied by the response date stated on the survey, you may still send it to us. The information will be reviewed but the information may not be included in the coming assessment roll. As of December 31, all but one "Request for Information" surveys are beyond their response periods.

**NOTICE OF INSPECTIONS** Lacombe County Municipal Assessors are reviewing and visiting properties throughout the municipality throughout the year 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, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

### MEET THE TEAM

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



*Angel Svensnes*



*Andrew Beecraft*



*Nolan Bespalko*



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### 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).



# SAFETY FIRST

## Lacombe County reminds you to burn safely all year round

Lacombe County Fire Service reminds residents that although fire permits are not required between November 1 and February 28, there are still crucial safety expectations for any controlled burns conducted outside of the official fire season.

"Any burning must be done in a safe and controlled manner. We all must practice responsible burning throughout the year, even if fire permits aren't required," said Dave Bain, Manager of Fire and Emergency Services. "Lacombe County reserves the right to invoice residents for fire department responses to fires that are not compliant with these regulations."

### FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

Under Lacombe County's Fire Protection Bylaw, fire permits are required from March 1 to October 31 each year. Although permits aren't mandatory from November 1 to February 28, safety remains essential for the well-being of residents and the environment. To ensure a safe burn, follow these guidelines:

- Check the Weather:** Always monitor the forecast. Avoid burning on windy days, as gusts can quickly escalate a small fire into a wildfire.
- Clear a Safe Zone:** Create a 10-foot safe area around your burn site, free from flammable materials like dry grass or leaves.
- Have Equipment Ready:** Keep a hose, water source, and fire-control tools on hand, and never leave a fire unattended.
- No Household Garbage:** Only burn clean, dry wood or vegetation. Never burn household garbage, plastics, or chemicals.
- Keep it Small:** Maintain a manageable fire size to stay in control.
- Responsible Supervision:** An adult should

oversee the fire at all times, and everyone present should know how to dial 911 in an emergency.

- Respect Neighbours:** Be mindful of smoke and embers, which can disturb nearby properties.

### IMPORTANT REGULATIONS:

Even when permits aren't required, certain regulations apply:

- Smoke should not cross major roadways or disturb neighbouring properties.
- Wind speeds must be under 15 km/hour.
- If a passerby calls 911, Fire Services must attend the scene to verify it is a non-emergency.

### FOREST AND PRAIRIE PROTECTION ACT REQUIREMENTS

Additionally, Section 22 of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act remains in effect year-round, stating that no person shall:

- Light an outdoor fire without first taking precautions to control it at all times.
- Light an outdoor fire when weather conditions could cause it to spread.
- Fail to take reasonable steps to prevent the fire from spreading beyond their property.
- Leave any burning materials in a place where they could ignite other matter.
- Conduct activities with fire in a forest protection area without exercising reasonable care.

### In addition, the Forest and Prairie Protection Act states that:

- Burning must not create physical discomfort to neighbours and impair visibility on roadways.
- There shall be a minimum 15-meter guard cleared of flammable materials around the

debris pile.

- Before windrows or piles of brush or debris can be burned:
  - Where the debris is a result of land clearing, debris windrows can be no longer than 60 meters in length with 8-meter breaks between each 60-meter windrow.
  - No windrow can be closer than 25 meters to uncleared land or standing hazardous fuels.
  - They must be separated from parallel windrows by **at least 15 meters**.

### PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Only certain materials are permitted for open burning:

- Permitted:** Brush, fallen trees, straw, grass, weeds, leaves, clean wood waste, cardboard, and paper products.
- Not Permitted:** Preserved wood, automobile parts, tires, rubber, plastics, used oil, manure, pathological waste, asphalt shingles, and any materials prohibited by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.

"We want to emphasize that no garbage of any sort can be burned, regardless of the time of year," emphasized Bain. "We have easily accessible landfills for anyone who needs to dispose of their garbage properly, ensuring that our air, water and land don't become contaminated."

Anyone caught burning garbage will be fined \$250 for the first offence, \$500 for the second offence, and \$1000 for the third offence.

For questions or to confirm that your burn complies with safety guidelines, please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-8959. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Do the Penguin Walk!

Stay healthy and active, avoid a fall and possible injuries.

- Bend slightly and walk flat footed
- Point your feet out slightly like a penguin
- Keep your centre of gravity over your feet as much as possible
- Watch where you are stepping
- Take shorter, shuffle-like steps
- Keep your arms at your sides (not in your pockets!)
- Concentrate on keeping your balance
- Go S-L-O-W-L-Y

Alberta Health Services

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



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# STOP SIGNS AREN'T A SUGGESTION

KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE FOR EVERYONE



# MIRROR CORNER



## Mirror Dog Tags

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

Lifetime license fees:

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

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

To order your new tag or view full bylaw details, visit [lacombecounty.com/dogcontrol](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@ccwireless.ca](mailto: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 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.

## Hamlet of Mirror



### Area Structure Plan



#### Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC MEETING and ONLINE SURVEY to update the Hamlet of Mirror Area Structure Plan, and needs your feedback!

The County commits itself to open, transparent and collaborative decision-making, and the community's feedback is critical to this Plan update.

The Hamlet of Mirror Area Structure Plan is intended to guide growth and development in the Hamlet of Mirror. The Plan identifies where different types of development may occur, and outlines the expectations for these developments. The Plan's most recent update occurred in 2018, and it is due for a review!

### PLAN AREA



#### For more information, please contact Planning Services

Nicklas Baran, Planner / Development Officer  
Will Cebuliak, Planning Intern  
Email: [planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com)  
Phone: 403-782-8389

#### How do I participate?

There are two opportunities to learn more and share your thoughts. We encourage all residents, landowners, or businesses in the Hamlet of Mirror to participate!

#### 1 Attend the Public Meeting

The public meeting will provide you with an overview of the Plan's update.



**Tuesday, March 10, 2026**



**7:00 PM**



**Mirror Community Hall**

5012 50 Ave, Mirror AB

#### 2 Complete the Survey

After the public meeting, you can give feedback through a survey available for three weeks. The survey will be accessible on paper and on the County's website via the link and QR Code below.

learn more at

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



## 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.



# OPERATIONS

## Your Roads Explained: Snow Removal in Lacombe County

Every winter, Lacombe County is responsible for keeping more than 2,000 kms of paved and gravel roads safe and passable. Our crews work hard after each snowfall to clear snow and ice in a timely, efficient, and safe manner.

Because every storm is different, snow removal timelines depend on both the severity and duration of the snowfall—but our goal remains the same: to maintain roads to reasonable winter driving conditions as soon as possible.

### PAVED ROADS

#### Order of Priority

1. County-designated Primary Main Roads
2. County-designated Secondary Main Roads
3. Main access roads leading to subdivisions
4. Hamlets and Subdivisions

Our goal is to clear snow and ice from paved roads as quickly as possible while minimizing backtracking and travel time. Under normal winter conditions, we strive to have all paved roads maintained within 12 hours after a snowfall ends.

**Note: All numbered highways in Lacombe County (e.g., Highway 2A, 12, 20 or 597) are maintained by Alberta Transportation through their contractor Mainroad Alberta.**

For concerns or to report an issue, call 1-877-875-3263.

### GRAVEL ROADS

#### Order of Priority

1. Local Roads – Snow removal begins in alternating areas to ensure fairness. Crews work in a sequence that reduces unnecessary grader travel.
2. Public Access and Machinery Roads – Opened to established residences or for agricultural transport when possible and when conditions allow.
3. Winging Snow and Other Maintenance – Performed once primary snow removal is complete.

Snow removal typically begins when snow accumulation reaches about 5 cms. The goal is to have the entire gravel road system cleared within four



days after a snowfall, depending on the storm's severity and duration.

All gravel roads in Lacombe County are designated school bus routes, meaning they receive equal priority during snow clearing.

### PRIVATE PROPERTY

Lacombe County **does not clear snow from private driveways or yards.**

Residents who need this service can visit [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com) and search "area contractors" for a list of local snow removal providers.

### A QUICK SAFETY REMINDER

When clearing your own property, **please do not push snow across County roads.**

This practice creates dangerous ridges and icy patches that can cause collisions and damage equipment.



## Who Clears What?

#### LACOMBE COUNTY

- County roads (paved and gravel)
- Hamlets and subdivisions
- Main access routes to subdivisions

#### AB TRANSPORTATION (Mainroad Alberta)

- All numbered highways (e.g., Hwy 2A, 12, 20, 597)
- Contact: 1-877-875-3263

#### PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS

- Responsible for driveways and private lanes
- County does not provide snow removal on private property
- Visit [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com) and search "area contractors" for local options

### Did You Know?

Lacombe County maintains more than **2,000 kms of roads** each winter — that's roughly the same distance as driving from Lacombe to Thunder Bay, Ontario!

Each storm brings unique challenges for our crews. Depending on snowfall amounts, wind, and temperatures, it can take anywhere from **12 hours to four days** to return roads to reasonable winter driving conditions.



# WINTER TIPS

Let's work together to keep roads clear and safe this winter!

✓ Shovel an extra space to the left of your driveway

✓ Shovel snow to the right side of your driveway (the same direction as plows).

✗ NEVER push snow across the road or into ditches — it can cause safety hazards, flooding, and road damage.



When clearing your driveway after a snowfall, clear an extra area to the left of your driveway. This gives County graders a place to push snow, helping you avoid a pile at the end of your driveway when roads are cleared.

Don't push snow across the road or into ditches/right-of-way. Doing so can:

- Create unsafe conditions for

- motorists and graders
- Slow down snow removal
- Damage roads, equipment, or buried utilities
- Contribute to spring flooding

**Best practice:** Shovel snow to the right side of your driveway — the same direction County plows travel. It keeps things safer and saves you from extra work later!



## Billets Wanted for Local Veterinary Students

Lacombe County is inviting residents to host veterinary students during their rotations at local vet clinics. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the education of future veterinarians.

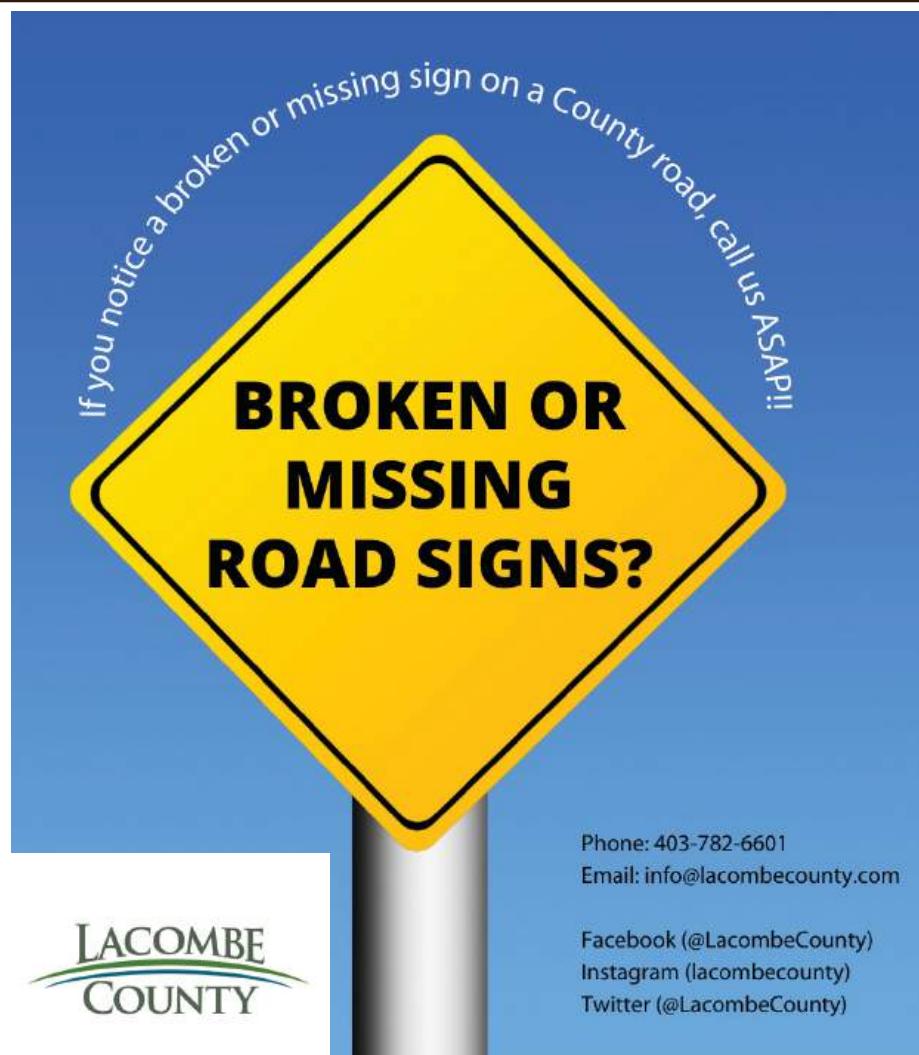


Lacombe County will maintain a list of available hosts and share this information with veterinary clinics, helping to connect students with local accommodations.



Residents can host students for rotations of 2, 4, or 6 weeks, providing flexible options to fit different schedules.

INTERESTED? | Please contact Lacombe County at  
403-782-8959 or email [mbates@lacombecounty.com](mailto:mbates@lacombecounty.com)



## IMPORTANT BRIDGE RESTRICTIONS

### HWY 50 over Parlby Creek

Bridge Restrictions are in place on Highway 50 over Parlby Creek (BF 1423, near Tees) following a recent inspection by Alberta Transportation. The inspection found significant structural issues, including broken stirrups and concrete deterioration.

#### CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE:

- Speed limit reduced – from 100 km/h to 60 km/h across the bridge.
- Load limits were revised, and updated postings are in effect on-site (heavier vehicles will be restricted).

**Please slow down, follow posted signs, and plan your route accordingly when travelling through this area.**



# ENVIRONMENT

## Ellis Nature Centre: What's in store for 2026



With the new season on the horizon, the Ellis Nature Centre looks forward to welcoming visitors, students, and teachers back for another year of discovery and adventure outdoors.

### SPRING 2026 SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Centre is officially planning and preparing for another exciting season filled with outdoor learning and interactive workshops. Known for its engaging, hands-on approach to environmental education, the Ellis Nature Centre is once again inviting schools to take part in its popular Spring Field Trip Programs.

Registration for Spring 2026 School Programs opens on January 12th, via an online booking form and educators are encouraged to book early as spots tend to fill quickly. The Centre offers 2-hour, and 4-hour field trip options designed specifically for kindergarten to Grade 3 Classes.

These field trips focus on Land and Nature, providing students with meaningful outdoor experiences that connect directly to the updated

K-Grade 3 curriculum. Programs are thoughtfully designed to support classroom learning while fostering curiosity, exploration, and a love for the natural world.

For schools interested in participating, early registration is strongly recommended to secure a spot in this year's much-anticipated program.

For more information or if you have any questions about the Ellis Nature Centre's school programs, please visit [www.ellisnaturecentre.ca](http://www.ellisnaturecentre.ca) or contact the Centre by phone or email (403-885-4477 / [info@ellisnaturecentre.ca](mailto:info@ellisnaturecentre.ca)).

### ALUS WINTER GRAZING UPDATE

The cattle are also back at the Nature Centre from November to February for year 2 of our ALUS Winter Pasture Grazing Rejuvenation Project. The goal of this project is to improve forage production and soil health through the addition of manure and straw bedding. These improvements will act as a natural fertilizer while armouring the soil surface against erosion and help retain moisture.

### WINTER BIRDS

We are enjoying watching our feeder station and the diversity it offers. We are still seeing Ameri-



can Goldfinches and the Redpolls arrived shortly before Christmas; we are also seeing Boreal Chickadees, Pine Grosbeaks, and White-Breasted and Red-Breasted Nuthatches. It is a wonderful reminder that even during the colder months, Ellis is still full of life and activity.

### CHECK IT OUT: Medicine River Watershed Society website

The Medicine River Watershed Society advocates for the health of both the Medicine River and the related Paskapoo aquifer.



If you would like to learn more about the watershed society activities /advocacy and how you can help, please scan this QR code, which will take you to the Medicine River Watershed Society website or visit them at <https://medicineriverwatershed.ca/>.

FREE

### ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN WORKSHOP

Get help completing YOUR EFP



The Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) program helps identify and mitigate environmental risks in your operation, enhances understanding of beneficial management practices, and can increase profitability while qualifying for grant funding through EFP certification.

Monday  
February 9, 2026

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
*Soup and sandwich lunch provided*

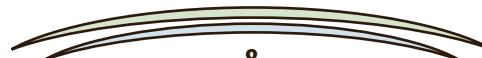
Ponoka County Office  
4205 Highway 2A, Ponoka AB



TO REGISTER:

CALL: 403-783-3333  
EMAIL: [devonlloyd@ponokacounty.com](mailto:devonlloyd@ponokacounty.com)

Please create an account before this session at [www.albertaefp.com](http://www.albertaefp.com) or call for assistance. Participants need to bring their own laptop or tablet



# AGRICULTURE

# 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:

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

**6th Annual  
AGRICULTURAL EXCELLENCE**  
SECURING YOUR FARM FUTURE

**FEBRUARY 11, 2026**  
**4:30 – 9:00 PM**

**@ Holiday Inn & Suites (Gasoline Alley)**

RSVP via QR Code  
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**KEYNOTE Speaker**  
**DR. G. Kee Jim**

**INFORMATION SESSION  
CROP DISEASES**

**FREE!**

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE**

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
AB Agriculture and Irrigation, Crop Health Assurance Department  
WCI Lacombe  
Prairie Crop Disease Monitoring Network  
U of A Department of Agricultural, Food & Nutritional Science

**MAR. 26, 2026 | 10AM - 3PM**  
12PM: Lunch provided

**LACOMBE MEMORIAL CENTRE**  
5214 50 Ave, Lacombe

**Join us in the afternoon for networking opportunities and a variety of demonstrations addressing key disease issues**

• Learn about findings from Provincial Crop Disease Surveys & ongoing research.  
 • Receive an update on the status of Alberta Crop Diseases, including Aphanomyces, Stripe Rust, Cereal Leaf Spots, Fusarium Head Blight & more.  
 • Learn about new clubroot and blackleg variants & how these diseases are changing.

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## REMINDER | Funding available for Lacombe County 4-H Clubs

Lacombe County is a supporter of the agriculture industry, which has a long and important history in our community. Agriculture is a big part of life here, and we want to make sure it stays that way for future generations.

One way we do this is by helping 4-H Alberta clubs in Lacombe County. 4-H Alberta is a well-known program that teaches youth about leadership, agriculture, and community involvement. It gives young people the chance to learn new skills and become strong leaders.

**To recognize the value of 4-H and the opportunities it provides for rural youth, Lacombe County offers financial support to local 4-H clubs every year.**

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Clubs must be registered with 4-H Alberta and located in Lacombe County.
- Applications for funding are due January 31 each year.
- Clubs need to include last year's financial statements and this year's budget with their

application.

- Approved funding is shared equally among all eligible clubs that apply.

This support helps ensure that 4-H continues to thrive in our area and that youth have the chance to grow and succeed.

For full details, including eligibility and conditions, please review the [Financial Support for Local 4-H Clubs Policy \(AG14\)](#) on the Lacombe County website, or give us a call at 403-782-6601.



**START YOUR EFP TODAY**

Start your own EFP in just a few clicks! Visit our website for a brief how-to video to get started. Our team and network of technicians are ready to support you every step of the way.

## Call for ALUS Projects for 2026: *Make 2026 your year for conservation*

By Ken Lewis, ALUS Lacombe Coordinator

Do you want to join the hundreds of farmers and ranchers across Alberta and Canada, in growing a new product – **"Ecosystem Services"** – and getting paid for it?

We are once again looking for Lacombe County farmers and ranchers who want to do ALUS Projects on their operations in 2026.

With ALUS, you can apply for **50% of the total value** of establishing a project – things like riparian management fencing, alternative livestock watering systems, native shelterbelts, buffer zones between crops and wetlands, and much more.



PLUS, with ALUS, you can qualify for up to **\$100 per acre per year**, for your ongoing management that produces ecosystem services.

In 2026, ALUS Lacombe is looking to work with farmers and ranchers to restore, enhance or conserve the environmental functions of natural water bodies, riparian areas, forests and treed areas, open pastures and native pollinator habitat.

### Eligible ALUS projects include:

- Installing a new Watering System to give livestock water in a trough on high ground away from water bodies
- Installing new fencing to enable ecological grazing management of riparian areas, forests, and rangeland
- Moving livestock winter feeding and bedding sites away from natural water bodies
- Farming around seasonal wetlands
- Creating perennial forage buffer zones between annual crops and water bodies
- Planting native trees and shrubs to enhance over-mature forest areas
- Planting native shelterbelts and eco-buffers
- Planting native flowering plants for our native pollinators.

Funding in 2026, as in all years, is limited – don't delay! If you are interested in doing an ALUS project in 2026, please give Ken a call.

You can reach the ALUS Lacombe Coordinator by phone or text any time at 403-505-9038, or learn more at [www.alus.ca](http://www.alus.ca).



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- ✓ Producer advisory + support
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Subject: Agrologist / CCA Application – [Your Name]

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# Planning Services

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Every year, the County updates its Long Range Planning Program to give the public a snapshot of when County plans will be updated. This article provides an overview of the 2026-2028 Long Range Planning Program.

### WHAT IS THE LONG RANGE PLANNING PROGRAM?

Lacombe County's Long Range Planning Program outlines the schedule that the County will follow in developing or updating plans for the areas in the County that have been identified for future residential, recreational, commercial and industrial development. Lacombe County Council recently adopted the 2026-2028 Long Range Planning Program, which will guide the workplan over the next three years.

### WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE CONSIDERED IN THE LONG RANGE PLANNING PROGRAM?

Projects considered in the Long Range Planning Program include the following:

- Intermunicipal Development Plans:** Plans developed with neighbouring municipalities to coordinate collaborative land use planning that results in joint success
- Area Structure Plans:** Land use planning documents that focus on specific areas in the County
- Economic Development Strategy and projects:** outlines initiatives to attract investment in the local economy and promote economic growth and development in Lacombe County
- Special Projects:** This could include County-wide consultation on certain regulations in the Municipal Development Plan or Land Use Bylaw, or annexation projects

### WHAT PLANS AND PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE 2026-2028 LONG RANGE PLANNING PROGRAM?

The 2026-2028 Long Range Planning Program includes a variety of plans and projects. In the following section, you can read an overview of the plans and projects beginning in each of the next three years.

#### 2026

**Hamlet of Mirror Area Structure Plan Update:** Background review work for the plan update began in 2025, and staff will continue to work



## Long Range Planning Program

on the update through 2026 and into 2027. This plan update aims to revisit development policies in the Hamlet and is vital to defining the community's growth and development.

#### Economic Development Strategy Update:

This project continues from 2025, with staff completing an in-house update of the Economic Development Strategy. So far, the Economic Development Strategy has resulted in a finalized business retention and attraction plan and has made progress in initiatives such as the County's Success Grows Here! Films, a business directory and increased marketing.

#### Town of Eckville/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan Update:

An update to the plan is proposed in 2026, in partnership with the Town of Eckville. The plan update will ensure that the plan is up to date with the community's vision and is reflective of ongoing infrastructure upgrades in the area.

#### Town of Bentley/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan Update:

In partnership with the Town of Bentley, an update to the plan is proposed in 2026. An update is required to reflect the Town's new boundaries created under the Town's recently approved annexation.

**Lacombe Lake Management Plan:** In partnership with the City of Lacombe and Town of Blackfalds, the County will embark on creating a Lacombe Lake Management Plan this year. The development of this plan is needed as it is required by the Town of Blackfalds Water Act Approval for their northwest area stormwater management system. Although the plan is triggered by the Town's system, the subject lands fall within Lacombe County. As the project managing municipality, Lacombe County submitted an application to Alberta Municipal Affairs for an Intermunicipal Collaboration grant, through the Alberta Community Partnership Program. If we successfully receive funding in 2026, the grant will be used to develop the plan in partnership with the other two municipalities.

**Red Deer County Annexation:** In 2026, Lacombe County intends to submit an annexation application to correct a boundary inconsistency between Lacombe County and Red Deer County. The subject lands include nine quarter sections in Red Deer County along Township Road 39-0, between Range Road 2-1 and Range Road 3-0. This boundary is an anomaly, because the northern quarters within the subject lands fall within Lacombe County.

#### 2027

##### QEII North of Lacombe Area Structure Plan Update:

An update to the plan is proposed in 2027. The plan was last updated in 2017. An update is required to ensure the plan maintains consistency with the County's existing planning policies, reflects the economic development strategy, and aligns with the vision of the community.

##### Gull Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan Update:

An update to the plan is proposed in 2027, subject to the willingness of the partner municipalities to participate. The plan was adopted in 2019, and a review has been requested by a developer.

##### Village of Clive Intermunicipal Development Plan Update:

An update to the plan is proposed in 2027, subject to the willingness of the Village of Clive to participate. The Plan was initially adopted in 2018 and is due for review in 2027.

#### 2028

##### Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan Update:

An update to the plan is proposed in 2028, subject to the willingness of partner municipalities to participate. The Sylvan Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan was initially adopted in 2021, with a review to be considered every five years.

##### Ponoka County/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan Update:

An update to the plan is proposed in 2028, subject to Ponoka County's willingness to participate. The Plan was initially adopted in 2020, with a review to be considered after three years.

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

As work on each of these projects begin, updated information will be posted in the County News, County website, and County social media. If you have any questions about Lacombe County's Long Range Planning Program, please do not hesitate to contact Lacombe County Planning Services at 403-782-8389 or [planning@lacombecounty.com](mailto:planning@lacombecounty.com).

See the Page 13 for a chart of the Long Range Planning Program

# SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

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

## Contact Us:

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## December 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

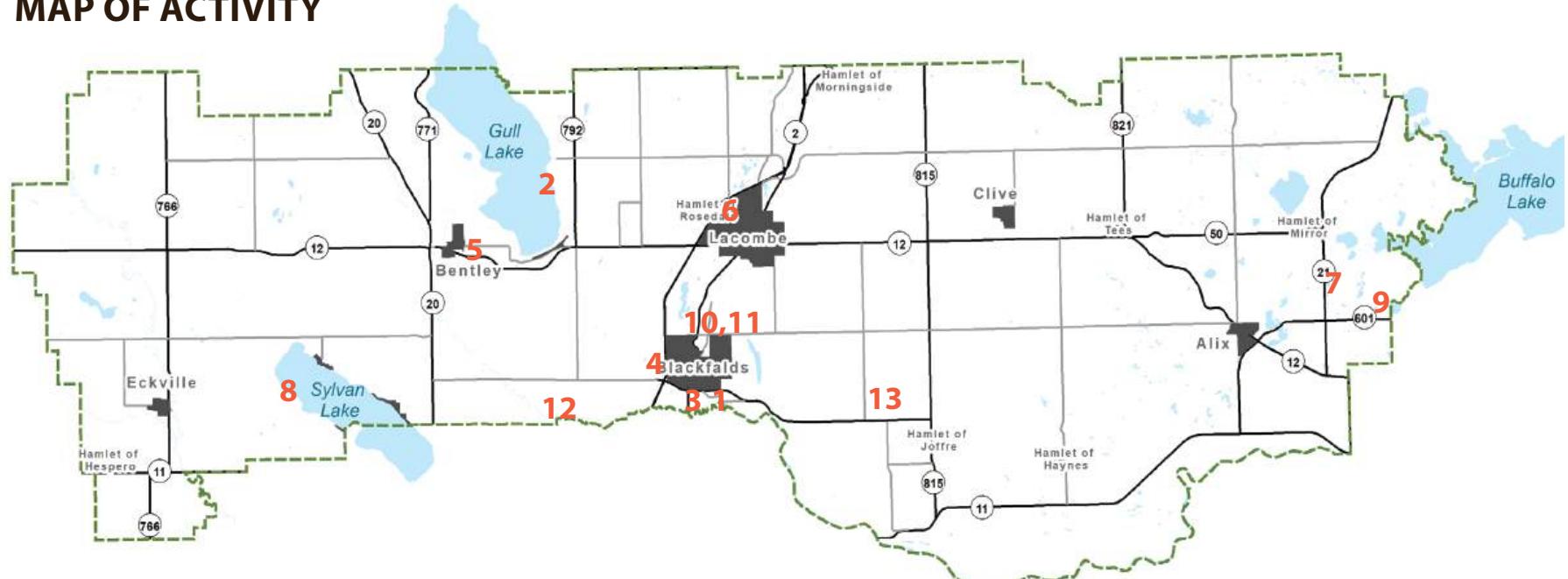
### Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision
1	174/25	Loewen Legacy Homes Inc.	Lot 6 Plan 922 1632 (Burbank Subdivision)	Detached Garage	Approved
2	175/25	Philip & Lois Hanna	Lot 59 Block 5 Plan 992 5638 (New Saratoga, Gull Lake)	Dwelling, Single Detached w/Detached Garage	Pending
3	176/25	TrueNorth Flowtech Inc.	Lot 8 Block 1 Plan 982 4780 (Burbank Industrial)	Industrial light manufacturing company <i>TrueNorth Flowtech Inc.</i>	Approved
4	177/25	Cornerstone Concrete Supply Inc.	SW 28-39-27-W4M	Aggregate Business Renewal <i>Formerly Ready 2 Mix Concrete</i>	Approved
5	178/25	Tom & Marcine Woyke	NW 24-40-01-W5M	Home Based Business, Major Renewal, <i>Red Deer Ice Inc.</i>	Approved
6	179/25	Josh & Louise Edwards	Lot 9 Block 3 Plan 151Z (Rosedale Valley)	Home based Business, Minor <i>Authentic Project Solutions and Head &amp; Heart Soap Co.</i>	Approved
7	180/25	Edwin & Cindy Mattie	NW 10-40-22-W4M	Outdoor Storage Renewal	Approved
8	181/25	Larkau Homes	Lot 12 Block 1 Plan 074 0786 (Eagles Quay, Sylvan Lake)	Dwelling, Single Detached w/Attached Garage, Covered Deck, Three Season Room & Veranda	Approved

### Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision
9	S-035-25	Alex Geates & Kathleen Murphy	NE 01-40-22-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
10	S-036-25	Kendall Atsinger	SW 02-40-27-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
11	S-037-25	Bemoco Land Surveying Ltd.	Lot C Plan 1128MC (Pt. SE 02-40-27-W4M)	Residential	Approved
12	S-038-25	Garrick & Sharon Wiebe	Pt. SE 15-39-28-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
13	S-039-25	Nick Lesher	NE 18-39-25-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Pending

## MAP OF ACTIVITY



## Planning Services

2026 – 2028 Long Range Planning Program

2026

2027

2028



Hamlet of Mirror Area Structure Plan



Town of Bentley  
Intermunicipal  
Development Plan



QEII North of Lacombe  
Area Structure Plan



Sylvan Lake  
Intermunicipal  
Development Plan



Ponoka County  
Intermunicipal  
Development Plan



Lacombe Lake Management Plan



Town of Eckville  
Intermunicipal  
Development Plan



Gull Lake  
Intermunicipal  
Development Plan



Red Deer County Annexation



Economic  
Development  
Strategy

2 carry-over from 2025;  
2 new updates; 1 new plan;  
1 proposed annexation



Village of Clive IDP

3 carry-overs from 2026;  
3 new updates

1 carry-over from 2027;  
2 new updates

See Page 11 for more details on Lacombe County's 2026-2028 Long Range Planning Program.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Economic Development: What's new in 2026

Economic Development in Lacombe County is entering 2026 with a clear focus: supporting local businesses, strengthening our labour market and workforce, and working alongside neighbouring municipalities and regional partners to position the area for long-term, sustainable growth.

Whether you operate a farm, a home-based business, a shop, or a large industrial operation, Economic Development plays a role in helping businesses succeed. This year brings several new and refreshed initiatives designed to better serve our community.

What's New in 2026? This year marks an important step forward with the introduction of several new tools and programs.

An Economic Development Committee will be established to provide strategic guidance, industry insight, and local perspectives to help shape priorities and ensure initiatives remain aligned with the needs of Lacombe County businesses.

The new bi-monthly Business Newsletter that launched late 2025, will continue, providing timely updates on programs, funding opportunities, events, and local success stories. This will be one of the easiest ways for businesses to stay informed and connected.

Lacombe County is also expanding its Business Support Networks (BSN), with East and West networks designed to create stronger peer

connections between businesses, encourage collaboration, and improve access to regional supports and expertise.

Recognizing that workforce availability continues to be a key challenge, Economic Development is advancing a Workforce Strategy focused on understanding local labour needs, identifying gaps, and supporting practical, community-driven solutions.

Finally, the County is refreshing its Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) approach. This means more intentional business outreach, better data, and stronger follow-up, all with the goal of helping existing businesses grow and overcome challenges before they become barriers.

Economic Development in Lacombe County is increasingly focused on supporting what already exists while preparing for future opportunities.

By listening to local businesses, strengthening relationships, and working collaboratively with regional partners, the County can respond more effectively to economic changes and ensure growth happens in a way that reflects our rural character and values.

This work is guided by a simple belief: strong local businesses lead to strong communities.

The County's Economic Development message is simple "Success Grows Here!" and reflects both our agricultural roots and our commitment

to supporting innovation, entrepreneurship, and investment across all sectors.

In 2026, businesses are encouraged to engage by:

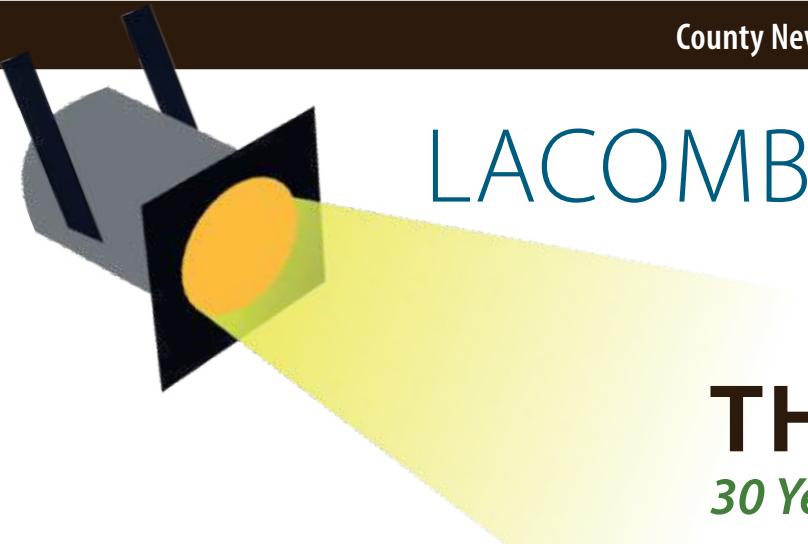
- Connecting directly with Economic Development,
- Subscribing to the Business Newsletter,
- Joining the Lacombe County Business Directory,
- Participating in Business Support Network activities,
- Apply to the Business Recognition Program if you are a new business or celebrating a milestone anniversary.

Economic Development works best when it is built on conversation, collaboration, and community input.

If you are a business owner, entrepreneur, or organization looking to connect, now is the time to get involved.

For more information or to connect directly, reach out to our Economic Development Officer at [economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com](mailto:economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com) or call 403-782-8389, or visit the Lacombe County website.





# LACOMBE COUNTY SPOT *light*

## THE LEATHER LOFT

### *30 Years of Craftsmanship and Community*

Tucked away along Rainy Creek Road in Lacombe County, The Leather Loft has long been a hidden gem where traditional craftsmanship and rural creativity come together. For more than 30 years, owner and leatherworker Gail Cook has built a reputation for quality, comfort and authenticity, handcrafting pieces that have been specially designed for each buyer's needs.

Gail's journey into leatherwork began with formal training at Olds College, followed by hands-on experience working for an accomplished saddle-maker. In 1994, she launched her own business, taking on repair work and gradually expanding into custom leather pieces, including saddles, tack, belts, purses, holsters, and specializing in chaps and chinks.

"The goal was always to achieve fit, form, and function," says Gail. "Whether it was built for the arena or the pasture, I wanted it to work properly, and I think I accomplished that."

For 25 years in business, Gail has operated The Leather Loft from Lacombe County, where she found strong community support and the freedom to build a rural-based business on her own terms. Early on, most customers were local riders and ranchers who discovered her work through print ads, word of mouth, and a simple sign at the end of her driveway.

As technology evolved, so did The Leather Loft! A website and a social media presence opened the door to a much wider audience, bringing customers from across Canada and internationally. Today, Gail's handcrafted pieces have been

shipped throughout Europe, Australia, and the United States, once again proving that quality craftsmanship travels far beyond rural borders.

In 2023, Gail's work received international recognition as she entered a pair of chinks in the World Leather Debut in Sheridan, Wyoming. Competing against some of the top leatherworkers in the world, her entry earned second place. An achievement that reflected decades of skill, precision, and dedication to the craft.

That recognition has also been felt closer to home. While Gail has long been supported by the local community, her talent was recently acknowledged in a special way when Cilantro and Chive in Lacombe selected her as a featured local artist, showcasing her work as a tribute to her craftsmanship and legacy.

Over the past year, Gail has begun shifting her focus from full-time work in the shop to dedicating more time to riding her two horses and competing in Cowboy Mounted Shooting. While she is no longer taking custom orders, she remains creatively engaged through a variety of meaningful projects. She recently donated a handcrafted pair of chinks to a local non-profit, which were raffled off as a fundraiser and continues to work on select pieces, including headstalls. A custom tree is on order for a new saddle of her own.

Recognizing a lack of accessible learning opportunities for those interested in leatherwork, Gail has also begun offering classes, an initiative that was well-received and may continue in the future.

Reflecting on her career, Gail is grateful for the

path she chose and the people she met along the way. "I feel blessed to have worked in the leatherworking and equine industry and to have met so many like-minded people who shared her passion for all things horses," she says. "And when I look out my shop windows every day at the Sunset Hills west of Bentley, I believe there couldn't have been a prettier place to do it from."

After three decades in business, Gail Cook and The Leather Loft represent the very best of rural entrepreneurship, showing that when skill, heart, and community come together, the results are truly special.

#### CONNECT WITH THE LEATHER LOFT

- **Location:** RR #1 TWP Rd 40-0, Lacombe County, AB
- **Email:** [gaildcok@hotmail.com](mailto:gaildcok@hotmail.com)
- **Phone:** 403-872-3928
- **Facebook:** The Leather Loft

**If you own or operate a business in Lacombe County and would like to be considered for a future spotlight, we encourage you to connect with the Economic Development Officer.**

**Please email** [economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com](mailto:economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com)

#### EVERY BUSINESS HAS A STORY WORTH SHARING.



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# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 11, 2025

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REVIEW AND FUTURE PRIORITIES UPDATE PRESENTATION

Council received an update on Lacombe County's Success Grows Here! Economic Development Strategy.

## POLICY AD(39) DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Council approved renewing the Development Incentive Grant program for a three-year term. The program provides property tax rebates to incentivize new or expand commercial and industrial development in the Hamlet of Mirror's designated commercial and industrial districts. 2025

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

The Medicine River Watershed Society was presented the Lacombe County 2025 Environmental Stewardship Award. The award recognizes a Lacombe County resident or local environmental organization for outstanding environmental stewardship and sustainability initiatives.

## USE OF FRESH WATER FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation from Mr. Paul McLaughlin, Ponoka County Reeve, regarding the use of fresh water for industrial purposes.

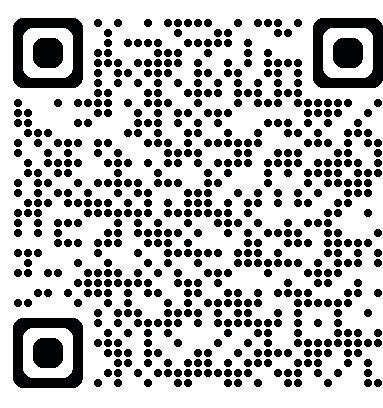
## SPEED LIMIT SURVEY – HIGHWAY 2

Council received a letter from Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors requesting feedback on a proposal to increase the speed limit from 110 kilometres per hour (km/h) to 120 km/h on select divided rural highways, for information.

## NORTH RED DEER REGIONAL WASTEWATER SERVICES COMMISSION - 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Council received the North Red Deer Regional Wastewater Services Commission 2026 operating and capital budgets for information. A letter will be forwarded to the Commission stating that Lacombe County has no comments or questions regarding the proposed budgets.

**Council Highlights & Minutes can be found on our website at [calendar.lacombecounty.com/meetings](http://calendar.lacombecounty.com/meetings)**



## NORTH RED DEER RIVER WATER SERVICES COMMISSION - 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Council received the North Red Deer River Water Services Commission 2026 operating and capital budgets for information. A letter will be forwarded to the Commission stating that Lacombe County has no comments or questions regarding the proposed budgets.

## SYLVAN LAKE REGIONAL WATER/ WASTEWATER COMMISSION - 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND 3-YEAR OPERATING PLAN

Council received the Sylvan Lake Regional Water/Wastewater Commission 2026 operating and capital budgets and three-year operating plan for information. A letter will be forwarded to the Commission stating that Lacombe County has no comments or questions regarding the proposed budgets.

## NORTHERN ALBERTA FARM FAMILY AWARDS

Council approved submitting the Bruning Family of Hillside Poultry Farm as Lacombe County's nominee for the Northern Alberta Farm Family Awards and also agreed to appoint a representative to attend the awards on behalf of the County.

## REQUEST FOR ACCRETION RELATED ROAD CLOSURES

Council received an update on the process to accrete County-owned lands adjacent to Gull Lake. Council approved the recommended road closures and directed the County Manager to proceed with closing the following road plans:

- Part of 9th Avenue, Plan 2026 AJ
- Part of 8th Avenue, Plan 2026 AJ
- Part of Lanes, Block 42, Plan 2026 AJ
- Lake View Walk, Plan 2026 AJ
- Road Plan 899 ET
- Road Plan 586 ET
- Avenue, Plan 2026 AJ

## FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE FEES – INVOICE RELIEF

Council confirmed invoice numbers IVC00045995, IVC00045998, IVC00045999, and IVC00046000 and approved waiving the applicable late payment charges.

## PLANNING SERVICES UPDATE

Council received the Planning Services Department activity update for November 2025.

## LACOMBE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB 100TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION SIGNAGE

Council approved providing a sign to the Lacombe Golf and Country Club in recognition of their 100th anniversary, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

## 2026 UTILITY RATE BYLAWS

Council approved first, second and third reading for the following 2026 utility rate bylaws:

- Bylaw No. 1446/25 - Aspelund Industrial Parks Water and Wastewater
- Bylaw No. 1447/25 - Mirror Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Services
- Bylaw No. 1448/25 - Lakeview Estates Water Services
- Bylaw No. 1449/25 - Sylvan Lake Communal Sewage Services
- Bylaw No. 1450/25 - QEII West Lacombe Business Park Water and Wastewater Services

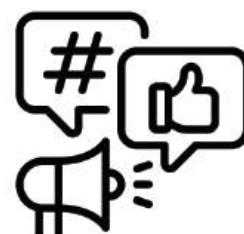
## LACOMBE COUNTY 2026 RATES AND FEES BYLAW

Council approved Bylaw 1451/25, establishing the 2026 rates and fees for County goods and services.

## ATTENTION WILSON'S BEACH RESIDENTS

New municipal addresses have recently been assigned to all properties in the Wilson's Beach subdivision and official notification letters containing each property owner's **new municipal address** were mailed in early December.

**Please watch for this important correspondence.** Using the correct municipal address is essential for emergency services (911), deliveries, and various other purposes. We kindly ask residents to begin using their new address as soon as possible and to update it with banks, utilities, government agencies, and other contacts. Thank you for your cooperation.



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# Medicine River Watershed Society honoured with 2025 Environmental Stewardship Award

Lacombe County recognized the Medicine River Watershed Society as the recipient of the 2025 Environmental Stewardship Award during the December 11, 2025 Council Meeting. This annual award recognizes individuals or organizations within Lacombe County that demonstrate exceptional commitment to environmental sustainability and stewardship.

## ABOUT THE AWARD

The Environmental Stewardship Award celebrates local efforts that protect and enhance our environment. It aligns with Policy AD(33) Environmental Community Engagement, highlighting Lacombe County's commitment to helping residents understand environmental sustainability and encouraging decisions that respect natural systems, communities, and future generations.

The winner receives a one-time cash prize of \$1,500, funded through the Environmental Services operating budget.

## 2025 WINNER: MEDICINE RIVER WATERSHED SOCIETY

This year, only one nomination was received, and the committee unanimously selected the Medicine River Watershed Society for its outstanding work in preserving and improving the health of the Medicine River watershed.

The Society's mission is to increase awareness of water quality, riparian health, and the natural beauty of the Medicine River. Their initiatives include:



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- Monitoring and reporting on the health and supply of water sources in the watershed.
- Educational programs for schools, families, and community groups.
- Stewardship and enhancement activities to improve watershed health.
- Advocacy on behalf of residents and communities to governing bodies.

Through these efforts, the Medicine River Watershed Society plays a vital role in protecting one of Lacombe County's most important natural resources.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Lacombe County congratulates the Medicine River Watershed Society for their dedication and leadership in environmental stewardship. Their work ensures that future generations can enjoy the beauty and benefits of a healthy watershed.

For more information about the Environmental Stewardship Award or to learn how to get involved in sustainability initiatives, please visit Lacombe County's website at [www.lacombecounty.com/EnvironmentalAward](http://www.lacombecounty.com/EnvironmentalAward).



403-785-7427 [www.savinggracecanada.com](http://www.savinggracecanada.com)

Happy New Year, Lacombe County! As we settle into January, we're looking back at an amazing year in rescue. In 2025, we saved the lives of over 1,800 animals thanks to our amazing team, foster families, adopters, and supporters like you. From tiny puppies to senior farm animals, every single life mattered.

To kick off 2026, we're featuring our Dogs of the Month: Dixie and Mortimer! Both have made incredible progress with time, care, and patience. They are officially available for adoption and ready for their forever homes.



### Meet Dixie:

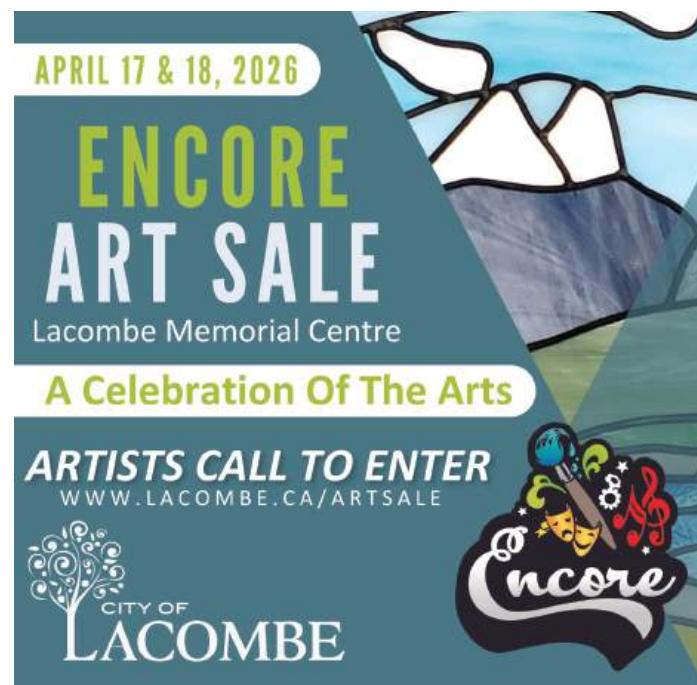
Dixie is a 3-year-old Terrier/Border Collie mix, dog-social but not good with cats, weighing 59 lbs. She's an energetic, playful, and affectionate dog who thrives with clear guidance and a playful companion. Dixie needs a home without small animals and will bring joy, love, and big smiles to the right family.



### Meet Mortimer:

Morty is a 3-year-old Pit Cross, dog-social but not good with cats, weighing 67 lbs. He's a laid-back, affectionate couch companion who loves snacks, movies, and being by your side. Fully crate-trained and easygoing, Morty is looking for a loving home where he can share cozy nights and endless affection.

Thank you to everyone who donated, shared, fostered, adopted, or volunteered this past year. Stay tuned on our socials to see available pets for adoption and upcoming events. Warm wishes from the team at Saving Grace Animal Society



# APPLY TODAY: Community Program Grants available

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

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

**The application deadline is February 1, 2026; applicants will be advised by March 31, 2026 of the status of their application.**

#### **Policy Guidelines/Procedures:**

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

To be eligible for consideration, programs:

- Must demonstrate a need for financial support from the County;
- Must be held for the enjoyment and benefit of the general public;
- Must be hosted on an annual basis and/or recognize significant milestone events;
- Must not charge an admission, entrance or registration fee for the program, event or activity;
- Must receive at least an equivalent amount of funding from the urban municipality in which the program, event or activity is being held as that being requested from the County;
- Must receive at least an equal amount of funding from the community organization if the program, event or activity is being held in the County; and
- Must take place in the County, or in the urban municipalities within the County in 2026

The following are not eligible for support under this policy:

- Capital facilities and equipment;

- Youth and adult sports teams and associated programs, events and activities;
- School reunions;
- Private functions;
- Community organizations, programs, events and activities that receive support from the County through other programs or policies.

#### **Funding Allotment & Allocation:**

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

**To view the Policy and a downloadable application form, see the County Website and look for the Grants and Funding page <https://www.lacombecounty.com/our-government/budget-and-finance/grants-and-funding/>.**

## AP 132: CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

**COLDER THAN -40°C**  
With or Without the Wind Chill.



**COLDER THAN -45°C**  
With or Without the Wind Chill.



**ROAD CONDITIONS**  
Heavy Snowfall, Blowing Snow, Freezing Rain, or Heavy Fog.



Please watch school and Division websites, Facebook, and your email, text and phone calls for notifications regarding inclement weather.

**Wolf Creek Public Schools**  
Creating Success For All Learners

## 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.

#### What you need to know:

- Property taxes are due annually on August 31
- Sign up for the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) before December 31, 2025
- If you missed the December 31 deadline, no worries; you can sign up in 2026 anytime before July 31. We will require you to pay the missed monthly amounts up front and then withdraw monthly payments.

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

## Tax Installment PAYMENT PLAN



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

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



Automatic  
Budget-friendly  
Simple  
Convenient

**Area contractors who may be interested in plowing laneways in the County**  
(Also see TELUS Yellow Pages "Excavating")

**ECKVILLE**

Eagle Light Transport (Allan) ..... 403.302.7527  
Elite Earthworx ..... 403.348.1804  
Moore's Backhoe Service (Ross) ..... 403.588.7707

Rocky Mountain Design and Landscaping ..... 403.588.8401  
Skodopole Construction Ltd. ..... 403.746.5744  
Worms Trucking (Scott Garries) ..... 403.304.9460

**BENTLEY**

Eagle Light Transport (Allan) ..... 403.302.7527  
Elite Earthworx ..... 403.348.1804  
Conasph ..... 403.341.6900

Moore's Backhoe Service (Ross) ..... 403.588.7707  
Rocky Mountain Design and Landscaping ..... 403.588.8401  
Worms Trucking (Scott Garries) ..... 403.304.9460

**BLACKFALDS**

Elite Earthworx ..... 403.348.1804  
Conasph ..... 403.341.6900  
Ground Werx Coatings (Jon) ..... 403.318.3006

Rocky Mountain Design and Landscaping ..... 403.588.8401  
Worms Trucking (Scott Garries) ..... 403.304.9460

**LACOMBE**

Black Wolf Excavating ..... 403.588.1413  
Conasph ..... 403.341.6900  
Elite Earthworx ..... 403.348.1804  
Gord Douglas ..... 403.373.6900  
Ground Werx Coatings (Jon) ..... 403.318.3006

Jackson Construction & Excavating ..... 403.350.0107  
Moore's Backhoe Service (Ross) ..... 403.588.7707  
Rocky Mountain Design and Landscaping ..... 403.588.8401  
Thompson Ditching ..... 403.782.5911  
Worms Trucking (Scott Garries) ..... 403.304.9460

**CLIVE**

Bill Russell Sand & Gravel (South of Alix) ..... 403.747.2857  
Conasph ..... 403.341.6900

Elite Earthworx ..... 403.348.1804  
Ground Werx Coatings (Jon) ..... 403.318.3006

**ALIX**

Bill Russell Sand & Gravel (South of Alix) ..... 403.747.2857  
Conasph ..... 403.341.6900

Elite Earthworx ..... 403.348.1804

**MIRROR**

Elite Earthworx ..... 403.348.1804

**If you wish to have your name added or removed from this list please contact:**

Lacombe County Public Works/Operations Department  
Phone: 403.782.8379 or email [operations@lacombecounty.com](mailto:operations@lacombecounty.com)

# 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 COUNTY**



Lacombe & District FCSS:  
403-782-6637

**CALL NOW !**

Bentley FCSS:  
403-748-2160

Clive FCSS:  
403-784-2020



*Over The Hill & Loving The View*

located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

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

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

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

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

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

Registration required for these programs

Move your body, make connections & socialize!

**Call 403.748.2160**



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

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



#### Over 55 Wellness Mornings

Mondays/Wednesdays

**Seniors Drop In - Town Office**

Call 403-748-2160



Mondays 9:45 to 11 am Seated Range of Motion Exercises

Wednesdays 10:30 to 11:45 am Chair Yoga - light movements

**Move your body, make connections & socialize!**

*These programs are free thanks to FCSS funding and great partnerships!*

*Mondays - zoomed in from Innisfail*

*Wednesdays - zoomed in from Edmonton*

*\*\*If instructors are away we used their recorded sessions\*\**



**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



**Find Lacombe County online**



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@lacombecounty



Lacombe County



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lacombecounty.com

# AROUND THE COUNTY



**EAGLE BUILDERS CENTRE**

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

**Programming**

Baby & Toddler Time *Ages 0-3*  
Tales & Tunes *Ages 3-6*  
Crafty Corner & Games *Ages 6-9*  
Anime & Otaku Club *Ages 8+*  
After School Arts & Crafts *Ages 10+*  
English as a Second Language Instruction *Ages 18+*  
Family Board Games *All Ages*

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

**Borrowing**

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

Visit us on our website & social media



**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

## Blackfalds' Servus Credit Union Public Library

## 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:

- January 20th, 2026 is Spring Registration Day
- February is 2 for 1 admission fitness month-for all water fitness classes and lane swims
- Special programming for February Break runs February 16th-20th, 2026

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).



## Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

### introducing



#### Behavioral Health Consultant:

Trish Rasmussen,  
MPCC-Provisional

#### No Charge Counselling for All Ages

- 50 min sessions available 2 days per week on Tuesday and Thursday
- Serving those who reside in Alix and area including, Bashaw, Buffalo Lake Estates, Donalda, Dorenlee, Edberg, Ferintosh, Meeting Creek, Mirror, Pelican Point and Tees

#### How to book?

Contact us, 403-396-3369 to make an appointment.

An afternoon of sharing ideas and health & wellness information. Admission is FREE. Join us to discover a variety of vendors, from conventional to alternative and learn ways to enhance your well-being. If you have a business or service you would like to share with Alix & Area, please contact Jill to book a table. No Cost. 403-588-5199



## WHAT WE DO

### 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](http://www.alixcrc.com)



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

\*Closed all statutory holidays\*

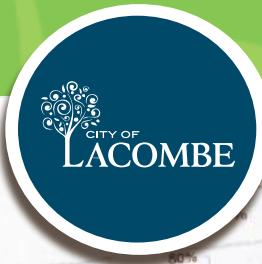
Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

403-396-3369

What did you learn today?



# UPCOMING WORKSHOP



March 17  
10am-4pm  
at: LMC

COST \$60  
includes  
lunch



This one day session provides an overview of how to apply marketing principles and create a marketing plan.

**Topics covered will include:**

- Defining your brand
- Defining your marketing mix (the four P's)
- Identifying your target audience
- Creating effective messaging
- Collaborating with the media and community
- Discussing marketing best practices

Register by March 10th by contacting CLLA at 403-782-7955 or [office@clla.com](mailto:office@clla.com)

## 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)



**Fridays 9:30 to 11:30**

### Stay & Play

Ages 0-6 with an adult



Location: Basement of Town Office  
Contact: Community Services 403-748-2160  
Programs Facilitated by: Parenting Proactively 101



**Mondays 3:15 to 5:15**

### Kids Klub

Where young minds meet big ideas!



Town Office Basement - Community Room  
Registration Required 403-748-2160

# SUNSHINE CIRCLE

With Angela Bennik, Karameon Counselling Services



- Every Wednesday, Jan. 14-March 11 (not Feb. 18)
- 6-9 year olds 4-4:50
- 10-13 year olds 5-5:50
- Lacombe FRN - #1102, 4876A 46 St.
- LIMITED SPACE!



Registration Required!  
Email: [frnlacombe@mcmcentral.ca](mailto:frnlacombe@mcmcentral.ca)  
Call: 587-679-0544



**gull lake centre**  
creating space to connect

# WONDER STRUCK

**SUMMER CAMPS**

REGISTRATION OPENS JAN 7TH!

CAMP	AGES	DATE	PRICE + GST
Scamper	5 - 7	June 19 - 21	\$180
Scamper's Adult	18+	June 19 - 21	\$180
LTD Week	14 - 18	June 27 - July 3	See web
Family Camp	All ages	July 5 - 10	See web
Jr. Teens 1	12 - 14	July 12 - 17	\$590**
Kids	9 - 11	July 19 - 24	\$590**
Teens *NEW*	13 - 15	July 26 - 31	\$590**
Juniors	7 - 10	Aug 4 - 7	\$480**
Jr. Teens 2	12 - 14	Aug 9 - 14	\$590**
Sr. Teens	15 - 18	Aug 16 - 22	\$620**

\*\*EARLY BIRD \$50 OFF UNTIL FEB 28, 2026

camp@gulllakecentre.ca    403-782-2495    gulllakecentre.ca

## Lacombe Arts Endowment Grant 2026 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](http://www.lacombe.ca) or by calling 403-782-1258. Application packages can also be picked up in person at City Hall.

**Application Deadline is the last business day in March**

**LACOMBE  
COMMUNITY  
VOLUNTEER  
AWARDS  
2026**

LACOMBE FCSS & THE CITY OF LACOMBE

April 23, 2026  
Lacombe Memorial Center

Nominations for the 2025 Volunteer Awards are open.

Categories:

- Leaders of Tomorrow (Age 8-11)
- Leaders of Tomorrow (Age 12-14)
- Leaders of Tomorrow (Age 15-18)
- Volunteer of the Year Adult (Age 19-59)
- Volunteer of the Year Senior (Age 60+)
- Business of the Year - Corporate Volunteerism
- Family Volunteers of the Year (2 or more)

Scan Here to Nominate!

[www.lacombe.ca/volunteerawards](https://www.lacombe.ca/volunteerawards)



Look for the nomination forms and information on our website. Recognize a volunteer in our community today!

THE FORSHEE COMMUNITY HALL  
PUB NIGHT

14TH FEBRUARY, 2026

# LOVE on TAP

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR  
PRE-PURCHASE FROM RIMBEY  
STATIONERY STORES & SOUNDS  
AND  
EARTHY ACCENTS  
IN BENTLEY  
**\$20**

SCAN ME 

**FOOD. DRINKS. & MUSIC**

GUEST ARTISTS  
THE ALLEN CHRISTIE BAND

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM - 1:00 AM 18+ EVENT  
COUPLES AND SINGLES WELCOME

For Questions or for Ticket Purchase Support Contact:  
forsheehall@gmail.com

## FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Committee of the Whole (9AM)	4	5	6	7
8	9 Environmental Farm Plan Workshop (Info on Pg. 8)	10	11 Securing your Farm Future (Info on Pg. 9)	12 County Council (9AM)	13 County News Submissions Due	14
15	16 FAMILY DAY (Office Closed)	17	18	19	20 County News Published	21
22	23	24	25	26 County Council (9AM)	27	28
MAR 1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**Upcoming Events:** March 10: Hamlet of Mirror Area Structure Plan Public Meeting, March 12: County Council, March 26: County Council, March 26: Crop Diseases Information Session



Follow us online, and stay up-to-date on Lacombe County news, events and other information!



Phone | 403.782.6601 Email | info@lacombeCounty.com Fax | 403.782.3820

## COUNTY NEWS

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Nicole Plewis, Communications Coordinator  
communications@lacombeCounty.com  
403.782.6601

# ATTENTION:

## Notification of Access for County Assessors

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

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

## Lacombe County Directory

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

## Department Numbers:

Main Office - 403-782-6601

Planning Services - 403-782-8389

Community Services - 403-782-8959

Operations - 403-782-8379

Public Works Shop - 403-782-3567

## General

After Hours Emergency Answering Service

403.357.1210

Administration Fax

403.782.3820

Public Works Fax

403.782.5356

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

## Council

## Home

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Call 403-782-6601 to speak with the County Manager or with a Lacombe County Director

