

County News

Friday, April 17, 2026 | Volume 4

Paid Parking Program – Important Information for Lacombe County Ratepayers

The Paid Parking Program begins May 15. Registration opens April 15, 2026.

Lacombe County ratepayers are eligible to register up to three (3) vehicles for free parking at:

- Sandy Point Beach
- Sunbreaker Cove
- Sandy Point Boat Launches

Parking enforcement is based on license plate recognition, so all vehicles must be registered correctly to an approved permit.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR FREE RATEPAYER PARKING

Step 1: Visit HotSpot Parking

Go to: <https://www.hotspotparking.com/users/login>

- Already have a HotSpot account? Log in.
- New user? Create an account, then log in.

Step 2: Add Your Vehicles

1. Click the “Vehicles” tab on the left menu.
2. Enter your vehicle details and click Save.
3. Repeat for up to three (3) vehicles.

You should see all registered vehicles listed below “Add New Vehicle.”

Step 3: Apply for a Ratepayer Permit

1. Click “Permits”, then “Special Permits.”
2. Select Lacombe County under Municipality.
3. Upload the following required documents: Property Tax Notice (Proof of Ownership)
4. Driver’s License (Proof of Address)
5. Under Vehicle, select one vehicle to activate on

the permit.

6. Check the agreement box and click Continue. Repeat this process for your second and third vehicles if applicable.

Step 4: Activate License Plates

1. Go to “My Permits.”
2. Add your license plate number to each permit.

IMPORTANT: Only one (1) license plate per permit can be active for free parking.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Registration opens April 15, 2026.
- Permits are issued by Roll Number.
- Each property tax account is eligible for three (3) license plates.
- Only property owners (ratepayers) are eligible.
- Permit approval takes approximately 24 hours once documents are submitted.

QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?

If your permit has not been approved after 24 hours, contact HotSpot Parking directly:

Toll Free: 1-855-712-5888

Hours: Monday–Friday, 5:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Website: <https://www.hotspotparking.com>

For more information on the program and details for Lacombe County ratepayers, visit: www.lacombecounty.com/paidparking

What’s Inside

- 2 **NEW** | *Introducing the Voyent Alert! app & communications service*
- 3 *Emergency Strychnine access*
- 3 **THANK YOU** | *Volunteer Appreciation Week is Apr. 19-25.*
- 4 *Assessment 101 | What you need to know*
- 5 *Fire Service Gala Highlights*
- 6 **SAFETY FIRST** | *Red Deer - Lacombe Rural Crime Watch presentation*
- 7 *Mirror Corner*
- 8 **YOUR ROADS** | *Dashboard on Gravel Roads*
- 9 **STAY ALERT** | *Spring Seeding starts soon*
- 9 *Paid Parking details*
- 11 **Agriculture** | *Tips for managing gopher populations*
- 12 **JOIN US** | *Tree Pruning Workshop on May 12.*
- 12 **WE’RE HIRING** | *Mower Operator*
- 14-15 *Subdivision & Development Activity*
- 15 **PUBLIC NOTICE** | *Water Act Notice of Application*
- 16 *Planning FAQs | Personal Alternative Energy Systems*
- 17 *Lacombe Research Centre’s role in Canada’s High Containment Lab*
- 19 **WE’RE HIRING** | *Parts Runner/Yard Person*
- 20-21 *Council Highlights*
- 23 *Resources for Seniors*
- 24-27 *Events Around the County*

Spring Seeding

STAY ALERT!



SUCCESS GROWS HERE!

Publication Mail Agreement No 43726064

Return undeliverable items to:
Lacombe County
RR3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3

County News is available to read on our website every month. If you wish to stop receiving County News by mail, email communications@lacombecounty.com with your mailing address and we will take you off our mailing list.



Introducing Voyent Alert!

LACOMBE COUNTY NOTIFICATION SERVICE

In times of crisis, it is important that residents have access to trusted, timely and accurate information to ensure their own safety and that of their family and loved ones. In response to this need, Lacombe County has chosen Voyent Alert! as the communication service provider for these kinds of events.

Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors during critical events like fires or floods as well as for relevant day-to-day communications such as snow removal advisories, planned maintenance, water advisories, etc.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration for the service is FREE, simple and totally anonymous.

- **For Mobile App Alerts:** Download and install the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple or Google Play app stores.
- **For Email, Text Message or Voice Call Alerts:** Register online at <https://register.voyent-alert.com>

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

Personalized Communications: Voyent Alert! provides informative communications. Critical information such as emergency shelter locations and preferred evacuation routes from your location are provided.

Follow Multiple Locations: Voyent Alert! allows you to create and follow multiple locations such as “Kids School” or “Mom’s House”. Any event or communication related to your followed locations will be forwarded to you along your preferred communication channel.

No Message Fatigue: Voyent Alert’s smart alerting capabilities ensure that you will only get notified when a communication is relevant to you or one of the locations you are following.

Communications Your Way: Receive alerts over a wide variety of communication channels including mobile apps, text/SMS alerting, email or voice calling. You can register for all or one of them.

Privacy is Paramount: Registration is anonymous, and no information volunteered or derived is shared or used for marketing or data harvesting purposes. Locational information from your followed locations is only used to determine its proximity to an alert event and to provide critical context within the communications (such as distance and direction).

Leaving is Easy: Both mobile applications and web-based accounts provide access to an unsubscribe feature accessed via the menu icon on the top right of the screen/page. If the service isn’t working out simply click on the “Unsubscribe” button and you won’t be hearing from us again.

CRITICAL INCIDENT NOTIFICATIONS

EVERYDAY COMMUNICATIONS

REGISTER NOW!

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store

MOBILE APP USERS

Download and install the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple App or Google Play stores.

register.voyent-alert.com

Scan the QR code to register online to receive email, voice or text-based alerts.

For more information you can check out our website: www.lacombecounty.com/alert



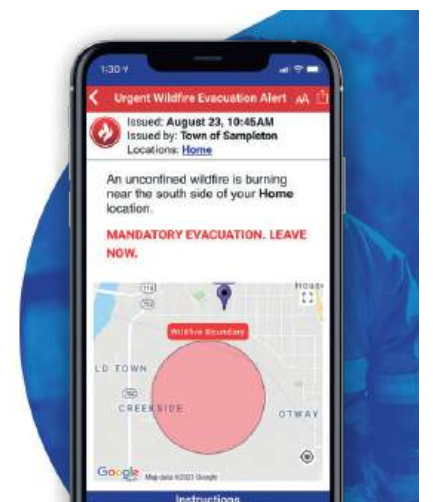
Find Lacombe County online

[/LacombeCounty](https://www.facebook.com/LacombeCounty) [@lacombecounty](https://www.instagram.com/lacombecounty) [Lacombe County](https://www.linkedin.com/company/LacombeCounty) [/LacombeCounty](https://twitter.com/LacombeCounty) lacombecounty.com



LACOMBE COUNTY NOTIFICATION SERVICE

- >> BE INFORMED
- >> EMERGENCY ALERTS
- >> COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS
- >> ANONYMOUS REGISTRATION
- >> FREE TO USE



Update on Strychnine Emergency Access for Richardson's Ground Squirrel Control

The Pest Management Regulatory Agency has approved emergency access to strychnine for the control of Richardson's ground squirrels in response to increased infestations impacting agricultural operations.

This approval allows for restricted use under strict conditions, including limited access, approved applicators, and mandatory training and record keeping. The program is intended for emergency situations where other control measures have proven ineffective.

More details about the program framework are available on the Government of Alberta website:

<https://www.alberta.ca/richardsons-ground-squirrel-control#strychnine-access>

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR LACOMBE COUNTY

Lacombe County is currently working with regulatory partners to determine how the program will be delivered locally, including access and administration. Lacombe County will be dispensing strychnine once the product is available.

At this time:

- Local program details have not yet been finalized

- Producers do not need to contact the County regarding access
- Additional information is expected within 6–8 weeks

Once confirmed, Lacombe County's role in the program and next steps for producers will be communicated through the County website, social media channels, and County News.

The County appreciates producers' patience and is committed to sharing clear, accurate information as soon as it becomes available.

**Want other ideas on how to control ground squirrels WITHOUT the use of Strychnine?
See our article on Page 11**

National Volunteer Appreciation Week | April 19-25, 2026

Lacombe County proudly celebrates the remarkable volunteers from all walks of life who generously contribute their time and expertise. These dedicated individuals play a crucial role in making our communities strong, inclusive, and welcoming places to live, work, and play.

We are fortunate to have a diverse group of skilled volunteers throughout the County. This includes coaches who inspire our local sports teams, the caretakers of our community halls, and the individuals who maintain our indoor and outdoor recreation and cultural facilities. Our community event coordinators, volunteer firefighters, 4-H leaders, companions for seniors, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and advocates for Victim Services are just a few of the many who contribute tirelessly to the welfare of Lacombe County.

These volunteers consistently rise to the occasion, providing invaluable service through both good times and challenging ones.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers for their unwavering dedication and for helping to make Lacombe County a vibrant and nurturing community.

***Thank you for helping to make
Lacombe County a vibrant and
caring community!***



**THANK YOU
Lacombe County
Volunteers!**



ASSESSMENT 101 | *What you need to know*

In Alberta, most assessments are completed by your local municipality, while Alberta Municipal Affairs completes assessments for designated industrial properties. Assessments are prepared under rules and procedures set out in the Alberta Municipal Government Act, relevant Regulations and Minister's Guidelines. These documents define property types, property classes, and provide criteria and standards the Assessor must comply with.

2026 PROJECTS & TIMELINES

Assessors are completing a re-inspection project in Ranges 1 & 2. Property specific notifications and letters requesting information about these properties were mailed out in spring of 2025. Assessors will be following up with property owners who have received these questionnaires as part of the annual re-inspection process. If you did not return a Residential Request for Information survey, an Assessor will visit your property in the coming months. Assessors may also follow up with property owners where the information provided was unclear or where limited information was provided. Additional properties will be added to the re-inspection project as the year progresses.

Assessments are prepared based on the characteristics of the property and the value a similar property could typically fetch in the real estate market. Information necessary to prepare an assessment includes: servicing of the land, the size, type, and age of building(s), buildings characteristics (e.g. heating type,

plumbing fixtures, interior finishes, fireplaces, basement development, etc), The usage of the improvement and land property (e.g. residential, farm, commercial, industrial/manufacturing) is also necessary to classify the property. A property may be dual or multi-purpose, residential & industrial, etc.

An Assessor may collect information necessary to prepare the assessment by requesting details in a mail-in questionnaire or survey, physically inspecting the property, or an email/phone conversation, or from electronic data (e.g. photos, land titles, listings, social media, etc).

Your assessment is only as accurate as the information collected by the Assessor.

More information can be found here: [How Assessment Works - Lacombe County](#)

2026 ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICES

2026 assessment and tax notices are projected to be mailed early to mid May. Please be on the

lookout for these in the mail in the coming month. Lacombe County collects education tax on behalf of the Province and monies to pay the Province for policing costs as well as contributions to the Lacombe Foundation for seniors housing. A complaint about a property assessment may be made to a review board, whereas a tax rate may not be appealed to a review board. If you have questions about the assessed value of your property, please contact us for discussion and more information.

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

MEET THE TEAM

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



Angel Svennes



Andrew Beecraft



Nolan Bespalko



STAY ENGAGED

SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE THE NEWS YOU WANT.

Get Lacombe County news updates delivered to your inbox.

lacombecounty.com/subscribe/



Scan the QR code to subscribe TODAY!



WE'RE HIRING!

Supervisor of Accounting Services

Permanent, Full-Time | Corporate Services
Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Full Details
www.lacombecounty.com/careers

Apply to hr@lacombecounty.com
by May 4, 2026

Highlights from the 2026 Fire Fighters Gala

Congratulations to all members of the Lacombe County Fire Service on these well-deserved recognitions, and thank you to every firefighter for your unwavering dedication and commitment to keeping our communities safe.



The Lucas Henry Memorial Firefighter award was presented to Delaney Fellhauer, in recognition of outstanding service, leadership and unwavering dedication to our community. Delaney exemplifies the Lacombe County Fire Service cornerstone values of Mission, Service, Integrity and Commitment

The **Meritorious Service Award** was awarded for exceptional meritorious service, demonstrating integrity, professionalism, and commitment to excellence.

Firefighter Allan Hutchison and Captain Steve Lush were presented with this award for their life-saving actions during a rescue call at Gull Lake last August. Their professionalism and unwavering commitment to the safety of our community are an inspiration to us all.



15 year service awards: Curtis Dojahn, Corrie Anderson, Ryan Dixon, and Ryan Pregoda



20 year service award: Quinten Plunkett



30 year service award and 30-year service medal from the Canadian Volunteer Fire Service Association: Trish Verveda



10 year service awards: Ian Andrews, Scott Van Dijk, Jordan Ramsay, Don Smyth, Daryl Friesen

(Not in attendance) 5-year service awards: Eric Sani and Riley Sharp



1 year service awards: Allan Hutchinson, Brian Kasper, Cayla Kenyon, Celine Leikeim, Dwayne Rowley, & Dominic Hoven

SAFETY FIRST

FIRE PERMIT SEASON

is March 1 - October 31

Do you have a Fire Permit?

SUBMIT IT ONLINE BEFORE BURNING!



mobile requests through the website



online Fire Permit Request



call into the office at 403-782-6601

LACOMBE COUNTY

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

This spring, check your burn piles!

As we welcome the warmth of spring, it's crucial to remember the hidden dangers that the past winter's activities may have left behind. Pile burning, a common method used to manage debris and clear land during colder months, can pose significant risks if not properly managed and extinguished. While the flames may have subsided, the threat of a deep ground fire could persist, smouldering undetected for months.

Why It Matters

Ground fires from incomplete pile burns have the potential to reignite under the right conditions, transforming into dangerous wildfires that can threaten ecosystems, properties, and lives. The transition from winter to spring, with the melting snow and thawing ground provides these conditions, making early spring a critical time for fire checks.

Guidelines for Effective Pile Burning

- **Optimal Conditions:** Whenever possible, conduct pile burns under snow-covered and frozen ground conditions to minimize the risk of the fire spreading.
- **Vigilance is Key:** Never leave a burn site unattended. Monitor the site actively to ensure the fire is completely extinguished.
- **Persistence Pays Off:** If the pile does not burn completely, re-pile and reburn as necessary. It's essential to ensure no materials are left smouldering.
- **Check and Double-Check:** After the surface burn appears out, diligently check piles for hot spots. Using a metal rod, probe the piles; warmth indicates the fire still burns beneath.
- **Spring Surveillance:** Conduct thorough checks of burn sites in early spring to confirm complete extinguishment. This step is crucial to prevent any chance of a wildfire.

As part of our commitment to safety and environmental stewardship, we urge everyone who conducted pile burns in the winter to take these guidelines to heart. A few minutes spent checking your burn sites can make a significant difference in preventing wildfires. Together, let's ensure our spring is not only vibrant and green but also safe for our communities and natural habitats.

Remember, vigilance today can prevent a wildfire tomorrow. Stay safe, and ensure your winter burns are completely out before welcoming the full bloom of spring.

Check your burn piles!

🌻 Spring Is Here, But Is Your Fire Really Out? 🌻

Your vigilance can prevent wildfires. Let's keep our spring safe and green!



LACOMBE COUNTY



April 27th, 2026

Tees Community Hall
Railway Ave, Tees, AB



Let us know your coming!
Send an RSVP by April 22nd, 2026
rd ruralcrimewatch@gmail.com



7:00pm



Red Deer Lacombe Rural Crime Watch are providing the opportunity for citizens of the Tees, Clive, Alix and Bashaw communities to listen to a presentation and meet with the RCMP K Division Community Engagement and Outreach team. This meeting will also be attended by members of the Blackfalds RCMP detachment. We encourage members of the public to take advantage of this opportunity to engage with and learn more about law enforcement in our community.

LACOMBE COUNTY

STOP SIGNS AREN'T A SUGGESTION

KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE FOR EVERYONE



MIRROR CORNER



stay and Play

**Free Preschool Program
At the Mirror Library
Every Tuesday from 10 to 12**

Playful activities!
Lots of Fun!
For Children 0-5
& their caregivers!

For More Information:
facebook.com/lacombefrn

MIRROR & DISTRICT MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

MIRROR MAYDAYS CELEBRATION!

Saturday May 16th
Our community is celebrating our annual event
MIRROR MAYDAYS

JOIN US FOR FREE FUN!

- Parade 11am Main Street
- 12pm-4pm FREE ACTIVITIES at Mirror Museum (4910 53 St)
 - CAKE & Coffee
 - SPARKLE TATTOOS
 - BOUNCY CASTLES
 - OUTDOOR MARKET (Across from the museum)

Everyone Welcome! All activities are FREE!
Message "Mirror and District Museum Association" for details.

CREATE YOUR OWN BEE BATH!

HOSTED BY
Mirror and District MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

with artist
ManzMakers
Mosaic and Art

Give your garden a pop of colour AND help our pollinator friends!

MAY 23
1-4 PM

Mirror Museum - 4910 53rd St

\$50 per person

Please bring:
Old socks or rags for grouting

No one under the age of 14

TO BOOK YOUR SPOT:
Message Mirror and District Museum Association on Facebook.

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 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. **For animal welfare issues please contact the Alberta SPCA at <http://www.albertasPCA.org>***

Jolly Seniors

Pancake breakfast every second Sunday

MIRROR MAY DAY PARADE

Line up at 10:30am in front of the Alliance Church.
No pre-registration required. Ribbons awarded for best floats.
Feel free to bring candy for the kids.

MAY 16, 2026 11AM

Mainstreet Mirror, AB

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@ccewireless.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 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.

Line up at 10:30am in front of the Alliance Church.
No pre-registration required. Ribbons awarded for best floats.
Feel free to bring candy for the kids.

MAY 16, 2026 11AM

Mainstreet Mirror, AB

OPERATIONS

CONSTRUCTION SEASON REMINDER

Please drive carefully around construction crews and obey ALL signs and speed limits during construction. If you have questions or concerns regarding any project, please contact the Operations department at 403-782-8379. All notifications and maps can be found at lacombecounty.com under Construction Notifications (in Quick Links).

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION

Lacombe County is notifying residents of an upcoming bridge construction project starting on April 1, 2026 on Range Road 25-2 over Jones Creek.

Construction will start Wednesday, April 1, 2026 and is expected to wrap up on May 15, 2026 (weather permitting). Minor delays may occur.



Lacombe County's Clean Up Program: Encouraging Community Pride

Lacombe County is committed to keeping our roadsides and communities clean with the help of local volunteers. Through the Clean Up Program, residents, community groups, and businesses are encouraged to participate in organized clean-up efforts across the County.

There are three streams of the program:

- 1. Community Clean-up Program** – For organized groups in hamlets and subdivisions to clean up litter in their neighborhoods.
- 2. Caring for Lacombe County Roads Program** – Participants adopt a section of County road. Lacombe County installs a sign recognizing the individual, group, or business involved.
- 3. Roadside Clean-up Program** – A one-time fundraising opportunity for organized groups. The County

donates to the group in the form of a grant. Rates are outlined in the County's Rates and Fees Bylaw.

Lacombe County coordinates all applications and ensures dates and locations are arranged for garbage pick-up. Participants must be at least 10 years old, and clean-up efforts are to take place during daylight hours.

Lacombe County provides accidental death and dismemberment insurance to participants and recommends that organizations carry general liability insurance. Priority is given to groups within the County or its urban municipalities.

For more details or to apply, contact Lacombe County Operations at operations@lacombecounty.com or call 403-782-8379.

Your Roads Explained: WASHBOARD ON GRAVEL ROADS

Contact:

Operations Department
403.782.8379
or
Public Works Shop
403.782.3567

General Information:

Name
Address
Phone Number
Legal Land Location/Civic Address

Brief Description:

- Basic information of the required service

In a dry year, the biggest issue with gravel roads is washboard, and this can be a difficult problem to address as washboard returns in a short time frame during extended dry conditions. More grading does not necessarily fix the problem since working up loose material creates ideal conditions for the washboard to reappear quickly.

Washboard is often created by the acceleration or braking action of vehicles, making it more prevalent at intersections on hills, as well as at railway crossings. Drivers can help reduce the problem by slowly accelerating away from the intersection or slowing down as much as possible before braking when approaching an intersection.

Weather, changing traffic patterns, and public expectations will constantly challenge the road system, and the gravel roads will always be a work in progress.

In wet years, the washboard is less prevalent, but other issues arise, such as wheel rutting, lack of gravel on some roads, culverts and drainage concerns, and soft spots appear.

On average, our grader district size is approximately 135 miles (216 km), and we have 8 grader districts. Factors that affect grading schedules.

- Roads with larger traffic volumes or heavy traffic require more attention.
- Dust control – the grader operators prepare each site for calcium so their regular schedule is delayed

- Gravel crew in their area has the same affect
- Rain will push back the schedule
- A road that has been adequate for local traffic for many years may be severely challenged if a new business or industry is installed along that road

Despite the many challenges of keeping gravel roads in good driving condition, we have systems and procedures in place to keep these roads as safe as possible.

While driving gravel please obey the speed limit and be vigilant for washboard and soft spots.



PAID PARKING

Information for Lacombe County ratepayers

Register TODAY for Paid Parking. Paid Parking Program starts May 15!

Lacombe County ratepayers can register up to three (3) vehicles for free parking at Sandy Point Beach, and Sunbreaker Cove and Sandy Point boat launches.

Parking enforcement is based on LICENSE PLATES, so you must add your vehicle(s) to your account. Each vehicle must be added to an approved permit to be recognized.

1 Step 1: Visit the Hot Spot Website

Go to hotspotparking.com/users/login

- **Already have a HotSpot account?** Login and continue to Step 2.
- **New to the system?** Create an account, login, and continue to Step 2.

2 Step 2: Add your vehicles

- Click the **'Vehicles'** tab on the left
- **Enter** your vehicle's details and click 'Save'
- **Repeat** for up to three (3) vehicles. *You should be able to see all your vehicles below 'Add new vehicle'*

3 Step 3: Add Permits

- Click on **'Permits'** and then **'Special Permits'**
 - Select Lacombe County, under 'Municipality'
- Upload a picture of your Tax Notice as **'Proof of Ownership'**
- Upload a picture of your Driver's License as **'Proof of Address'**
- Under **'Vehicle'**, select a vehicle to activate on that permit
 - Continue the same process for second and third vehicles.
- Check the box to agree and click **'Continue'**

4 Step 4: Add you vehicles to your permits

- Go to 'My Permits' and add your license plates into each permit
- Only one (1) plate per permit is active for free parking

IMPORTANT NOTES

Registration opens April 15th, 2026 via Hotspot: www.hotspotparking.com.

Permits are issued by Roll Number

- Each property tax account will be eligible to register three (3) license plates.
- Required for approval:
 - upload a copy of your Tax Notice and Driver's License during registration.
- Only property owners (ratepayers) are eligible.

It takes approximately **24 hours** to have your permit approved

QUESTIONS?

SCAN ME



Is your permit taking longer than 24 hours?

CONTACT HOTSPOT DIRECT:

Toll Free Phone:

1.855.712.5888

Hours of Operation:

5:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday - Friday

SHARE THE ROAD!

A spring seeding safety message from Lacombe County

As the frost thaws and the days grow longer, farmers across Lacombe County are gearing up for the crucial task of spring seeding. Tractors and heavy machinery are making their way back to the fields, marking the start of a busy planting season.

This surge of agricultural activity, however, brings an increased presence of slow moving vehicles (SMVs) on the roads—a change that requires heightened awareness and safety measures from all road users. Here are essential tips and best practices for both farmers operating SMVs and travellers driving near these vehicles, ensuring a safe spring seeding season for everyone.

Tips for Operating Slow Moving Vehicles (SMVs):

- **Display the SMV Emblem:** Make sure your vehicle has a visible slow-moving vehicle emblem mounted at the rear. This triangular, reflective sign alerts other road users that your vehicle travels at speeds of 40 km/h (25 mph) or less.
- **Ensure Proper Lighting:** Before dawn, after dusk, or in poor visibility conditions, make sure your vehicle is equipped with adequate lighting. Front headlights and rear tail lights increase visibility, making it easier for others to see you.
- **Plan Your Route:** If possible, plan your route to minimize travel on busy roads and during peak traffic times. Consider using alternative routes that are less travelled to reach your fields.

Safe Driving Practices Near SMVs:

- **Patience is Key:** SMVs are not just tractors; they include farm implements, construction equipment, and other oversized loads that are vital for local agriculture and infrastructure projects. When encountering these vehicles, exercise patience and understand they are essential for the work being done.
- **Pass With Care:** Only pass an SMV when it's safe. Ensure you have clear visibility of oncoming traffic and that the vehicle is not

signalling to make a left turn. Remember, the operator may have limited visibility, so signal your intentions well in advance.

- **Keep a Safe Distance:** Maintain a safe following distance. SMVs may make unexpected stops or turns, especially when entering or exiting fields. A safe distance allows you more time to react to these maneuvers.

For Operators of Oversized Loads or Slow-Moving Trucks:

When navigating the highways and byways of Lacombe County with an oversized load or at speeds below the limit, the following guidelines will ensure safety for all road users:

- **Right Lane Usage:** Move to the right lane whenever it's safe. This allows faster-moving vehicles to pass safely on the left.
- **Stay Close to the Curb:** Drive as near to the right curb or edge of the roadway as practical. This minimizes the obstruction to the normal flow of traffic.
- **Avoid Passing:** Avoid overtaking or passing another vehicle unless absolutely necessary. The size and speed of your load make this maneuver risky.
- **Left Turn Caution:** Exercise extreme caution when turning left at an intersection or into a driveway. Ensure oncoming traffic is a safe distance away before executing your turn.
- **Follow Traffic Directives:** If traffic control devices or signs direct slow-moving traffic to use a specific lane, adhere strictly to these instructions. They are placed for your safety and the safety of others.

As we embrace the spring seeding season, let's commit to heightened vigilance and safety on the roads. By following these guidelines, we can ensure a safe and productive season for the farmers and residents of Lacombe County alike. Together, we can keep our community safe and support the agricultural activities that are the backbone of our local economy.



INFORMATION FOR NON-RATEPAYERS

Paid Parking Program

REMINDER: the Paid Parking Program is in effect from May - October at the following locations



Sandy Point Beach
\$3/hour
OR
\$15/day for parking at Sandy Point Beach.



Boat Launches
\$10/day to launch only
\$20/day launch and park
Applies to:
Sandy Point Boat Launch
Sunbreaker Cove Boat Launch



Annual Pass

- \$120/year Sandy Point Beach Parking
- \$160/year Boat Launch & Parking
- \$80/year Boat Launch ONLY*
(*doesn't include parking)

Questions? Prepay? Visit www.lacombecounty.com/paidparking

ENVIRONMENT

Spring is slowly waking here at Ellis Nature Centre



As winter finally loosens its grip, signs of spring are starting to show their faces

at Ellis Nature Centre. We are seeing lots of activity from the wildlife and birds (we'll get to that later), new learning opportunities, and exciting partnership for the upcoming season.

OWL ACTIVITY

After a very exciting start to the owl season, there was a brief lull in activity. Followers of the of the Ellis Nature Centre Owl Cam will be happy to hear that "Albert" has returned to the nest. He has been seen preparing egg nests and calling regularly in hope to attract a mate.

"Ellie", however, has not returned, and we are hopeful that she is safe and will have success elsewhere on site. There are still a couple weeks left for Albert to attract a mate and continue to nest at

the Owl Cam. Long-time followers know that Albert and Ellie have never been ones to rush perfection, with eggs often being laid well into March, or even April.

SPRING SCHOOL PROGRAMS CLOSING

We, again, are very grateful for those who continue to show interest into our Spring School Programs. It continues to amaze us at how many educators and students are eager to connect with nature through programs such as ours.

School program registration will be closing on April 24, with only a limited number of spaces remaining. If you have a group size of 15 or less and are interested in either our 2-hour or 4-hour hands-on, outdoor education field trips, please register online, or contact the Centre directly at 403-885-4477 or by email at booking@ellisnaturecentre.ca

SIGNS OF SPRING

Feeling the effects of time change yet? Time change, to us, is one of the many signs of spring here at Ellis. Around the site we're already starting to notice

the bare ground peeking through and the snow slowly melting. In the coming weeks, we'll start to see the return of our migratory bird species. There are rumours of American robins and Mountain Bluebirds already being spotted, and Ellis has seen exactly six geese (as of March 11th) and an unconfirmed hawk species. Last year, we saw them as early as March 20! Shortly after, we expect the American Tree Sparrow, which made its appearance the first week of April in 2025.

While you are out and about, keep an eye for flocks of geese, ducks, and swans. You will likely see them in that signature V-shaped formations, or gathering near lakes, ponds, or crop fields as they stop for a rest. These birds are often some of the first to arrive in Alberta each spring- they're surprisingly more predictable than you think! Our spring plants will begin to make their appearance as well.

Tree buds will start to swell, especially on aspens and poplar trees. Spring flowers won't fully bloom until mid-April, but the process begins now with thawing soils, budding leaves, and early growth.

ELLIS TEAHOUSE CAFE X THE MOONSHINE CAFE

Adding to the excitement for the 2026 season, we are thrilled to announce that Ellis has partnered with The Moonshine Cafe for the 2026 season! Ellis has partnered with The Moonshine Café (Tofield, AB) to bring back the beloved soups, salads, and sandwiches, followed by a sweet treat! Stay tuned as menu details are to come soon!

OPEN HOUSE

If you feel like you may have missed out on our Annual Meeting, don't worry

– we've changed the format this year to a May Open House!

Join us on May 2 at 2pm as we invite our closest visitors, neighbors, and partners for an afternoon of updates and conversation! This special event will offer a chance to learn about what has been happening at here at the Nature Centre, including upcoming historical displays, seasonal projects, and highlights from the year. Guests will hear updates from Dr. Natalia Lifshitz and Dr. Delano Lewis from Burman University, who will share about their Birds and Bugs Project. We will also present our 2025 financials and manager reports, giving an inside look at the work and growth occurs behind the scenes.

OPENING DAY – MAY 18

On May 18 from 10am-4pm, we will start the season with a full day of family-friendly activities, outdoor learning, and nature-inspired fun. We welcome families, enthusiasts, and nature lovers of all kinds to spend the day and experience all the activities we have to offer!

Pick up an Ellis Passport to help guide you throughout your day as visitors can take part in birdwatching, habitat games, a Bee Hotel Workshop, and how to make your own salve. Guests are also invited to enjoy themed crafts, visit our beloved Owl Table, and take part in interactive activities!

Special workshops will also be offered, including a Plantain Salve Workshop at 10:30am, Nature Journalling at 2pm, and a Bee Hotel Workshop at 2:30pm.

We look forward to celebrating yet another year with you all and can't wait to see you there!

LACOMBE COUNTY RESERVE LAND SOME SIMPLE RULES

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

- 1. PROTECT THE PLANTS**
Do not cut, mow or remove plants, trees, or any other vegetation.
- 2. NO BUILDING ALLOWED**
You're not allowed to construct or place any structures.
- 3. STICK TO THE DESIGNATED PATHS**
Keep OHVs on designated trails.
- 4. LEAVE NATURE ALONE**
Don't dig or take away natural features from the land.
- 5. NO SIGNS OR ADS**
Do not attach signs, advertisements, or anything else to trees, fences, or buildings.
- 6. SHOW RESPECT FOR SIGNS & STRUCTURES**
Don't tamper with or damage County signs, buildings, or other improvements.
- 7. KEEP THE AREA CLEAN**
Do not dispose of landscaping materials, yard clippings, waste, building materials, topsoil, sand, or rocks on these lands.
- 8. RESPONSIBLE CHEMICAL USE**
Do not discard hazardous materials or use pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers on the land.
- 9. RESPONSIBLE WASTE DISPOSAL**
Pack out any waste you pack in or utilize designated waste bins.
- 10. NO CAMPING ALLOWED**
Camping is only allowed in areas where signage permits it. Always follow the posted rules and conditions for those areas.
- 11. THESE ARE PUBLIC LANDS**
Remember, these are public lands. Do not restrict access to others.

Remove stored items from Reserve Land by May Long Weekend

Lacombe County is reminding residents that all seasonal items stored on County reserve lands must be removed by the May long weekend (May 19).

Through the Special Use of Reserve Permit (SURP) program, Lacombe County may authorize certain temporary uses on reserve land, such as:

- Winter storage of boat lifts and docks
- Beach clean-ups
- Repairs to licensed encroachments

- Removal of unauthorized items

Winter Storage Guidelines: Seasonal items—such as boat lifts and docks—may be stored on reserve lands from the September long weekend to the May long weekend, provided they don't impact the environment or obstruct public access.

For more information, visit our website at www.lacombecounty.com, or contact the Community Services Department at 403-782-8959.

AGRICULTURE

Tips for managing gophers populations

A multifaceted strategy remains essential to effectively manage gopher populations and reduce reliance on any single control method. While strychnine was previously phased out for gopher control following direction from Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), the Government of Alberta has since announced the **emergency**, time-limited access to strychnine for Richardson's ground squirrel control under strict conditions. This emergency approval represents a temporary measure to address significant pest pressures and does not replace the need for integrated pest management approaches or alternative control options.

Both Rozol RTU and Burrow Oat Bait rodenticides can be effective in controlling gophers when used early in the season (March-April) before gophers reproduce and when other food sources are scarce. For sensitive areas around yards, gas cartridges (Giant Destroyers) and traps offer non-chemical control methods and are widely available at local hardware stores.

Additionally, land management plays a crucial role in controlling gopher populations. Prevention of overgrazing creates less inviting habitats for gophers. Encouraging natural predators by maintaining habitats—for instance, trees for hawks or burrows for badgers—can also contribute to gopher population control, complementing traditional methods like shooting, trapping, and

rodenticide use.

With Richardson Ground Squirrels (locally known as gophers) playing a significant ecological role yet posing potential threats to agriculture and ecosystems, a balanced approach to their control is critical. An integrated pest management approach not only addresses immediate pest control needs but also considers long-term ecological balance and regulatory compliance. For more detailed guidance on the biology and control of these pests, resources such as Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation's informational factsheet offer valuable insights.

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Services department at 403-782-8959.



REQUEST BY MAY 15: Roadside Haying Program

Lacombe County recognizes the value of legumes and grass growing in municipal road allowances during times of drought. As such, Lacombe County will work cooperatively with agricultural producers who wish to hay Lacombe County road allowances.

Important Dates:

- **MAY 15:** Residents must submit written requests to Lacombe County in order to hay the road allowance adjacent to their lands.
- **JULY 15:** Once the request is approved, the resident has until July 15 to cut and bail the road allowance.
- **JULY 16 – end of season:** After July 15, uncut areas of the road allowance will be mowed by Lacombe County.

PLEASE NOTE: Roadside Haying Agreements must be renewed annually.

Please contact Lacombe County Community Services at 403-782-8959 for more information.



Help keep Alberta Rat-Free: Report any rat sightings

Alberta holds the unique distinction of being the largest rat-free jurisdiction in the world — a status that has been carefully protected for over 70 years. Through the work of Alberta's Rat Control Program and the cooperation of municipalities and residents, the province has successfully prevented the establishment of wild rat populations.

Lacombe County is proud to support Alberta's Rat on Rats! initiative — a public awareness campaign encouraging residents to report any signs of rat activity. While rat infestations are rare, early detection is key to protecting our properties, infrastructure, and food supply from these destructive pests.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Rats can cause significant damage by chewing on wiring, contaminating food, destroying insulation, and undermining foundations. A single pair of rats can reproduce quickly, making even a small incursion a serious risk.

KNOW THE SIGNS OF RATS:

- Droppings or tracks in dusty areas
- Gnawed materials (wires, wood, plastic)
- Burrows around foundations
- Noises in walls or attics
- Greasy rub marks along walls or baseboards

Prompt reporting ensures the situation is addressed quickly and prevents potential spread. If



you suspect rat activity, take action immediately:

- Call 310-FARM (3276)
- Report online or through the EDDMapS app
- Email rats@gov.ab.ca
- Contact Lacombe County directly

Alberta's rat-free status is a point of pride — and it's up to all of us to help maintain it. Thank you for doing your part to keep Lacombe County, and Alberta, rat-free.

For more information, visit www.abinvasives.ca/rat-on-rats.

WILD About Bees

We know native pollinators are on the decline, but what's the most effective way we can help? Create more HABITAT!

This April, Lacombe County invites you to support local pollinators by purchasing our specially curated pollinator seed mix and the informative Wild About Bees handbook.

Wild About Bees Handbook & Seed Mix - \$22.92

Your package includes:

- Step-by-step instructions on creating a high-quality pollinator garden specifically designed for native pollinators
- Guide for every species included in your seed package
- A list of Lacombe County's top 20 favourite pollinators
 - Information on additional resources to support your gardening efforts

The seed mix contains 100% native wildflowers, carefully selected and thoroughly researched to thrive within the Aspen Parkland Ecoregion.

How to Purchase:

Once ready, you can pick up your Wild About Bees handbook and seed package at the Lacombe County Office (Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm).

Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for updates and details about the program launch!

Pick up your Wild About Bees handbook and seed package at the Lacombe County Office (Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm)

Watch our website and/or social media channels for details regarding the launch of this program

About the On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF)

The On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF) is a federal initiative designed to support Canadian farmers in adopting Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and enhance the sustainability of agricultural operations. In Alberta, the program is administered by Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) and is currently accepting applications for the 2026 program year.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

OFCAF provides financial assistance to Alberta producers implementing new BMPs in three key areas

Nitrogen Management: This includes developing nutrient management plans, conducting soil sampling and analysis, and utilizing specialized equipment for precise

fertilizer application.

Cover Cropping: Support is available for the adoption of cover crops, including costs related to seed purchase and custom seeding services.

Rotational Grazing: Funding can be used for creating grazing management plans, installing cross-fencing and water systems, and planting legumes and forages to improve pasture health

These practices not only aim to reduce GHG emissions but also offer additional environmental benefits such as improved soil health and biodiversity.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for OFCAF funding in Alberta, applicants must:

- Be active producers (proprietorships, corporations, or

LACOMBE COUNTY
Lacombe County Presents
TREE PRUNING & MORE
with Toso Bozic, Certified Arborist & Owner of Yard Whisperers
May 12, 2026
Lacombe County Office
5:00PM - 8:00PM
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:

- ✓ Types of pruning and times of year
- ✓ Common mistakes
- ✓ Tools and Safety
- ✓ Hands-on Fruit and Ornamental Tree Pruning tips
- ✓ AND MORE!! Make sure to bring YOUR tree questions

This is a hands-on workshop. Please bring your own pruning shears

TO REGISTER:
Contact Jalene Makus at 403-782-8959, or email jmakus@lacombecounty.com

LACOMBE COUNTY
WE'RE HIRING!
Mower Operator
4-month seasonal (mid-June to mid-October)
Monday-Friday (7:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Full Details
www.lacombecounty.com/careers

Apply before 8AM on April 27, 2026
to hr@lacombecounty.com

- registered partnerships) with a minimum of \$25,000 in gross farm income within the province
 - Collaborate with a Professional Agrologist (PAg) or Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) to develop a BMP Action Plan tailored to their operation
 - Ensure that the proposed BMPs are new to their farm or specific fields; existing practices are not eligible for funding
 - Be headquartered in Alberta and apply the funds exclusively to lands within the province.
 - Have a minimum eligible project cost of \$2,500 and be prepared to cover 100% of the costs upfront, as reimbursements are provided post-implementation.
- For more information or to apply for the OFCAF program in Alberta, please visit RDAR's OFCAF page at <https://rdar.ca/funding-opportunities/ofcaf>.**

Weed season is around the corner:

Early detection is KEY!

Most weeds start appearing in mid-May (usually) and are easiest to control when they first "pop up". If you see a troublesome weed, you should take action early, as leaving them can have significant negative impacts. The longer you leave weeds, then more difficult they are to control or eradicate from your property.

The *Weed Control Act of Alberta* directs that all landowners are responsible for keeping weeds under control. This also includes Lacombe County. The County is responsible for controlling weeds on properties under County control, and directing private landowners/tenants to do so on their properties as well.

Weed Inspections

The Agriculture team believes that early detection and rapid response is the most effective method of managing invasive plants.

The employment of seasonal weed inspectors and the use of new technology assist Agriculture staff in maintaining an effective, long term weed control program.

How We Can Help

Agriculture staff are available to work with residents to prevent and resolve weed control issues. They can assist by identifying plant species and presenting solutions based on resident and County experience, along with research results using various weed control methods.

Call Lacombe County at 403.782-8959 if:

- You have concerns about weeds on a property.
- You would like a consultation on weeds on your property.
- You want to drop off a weed sample for identification. (Please call prior to coming in, if you require immediate identification.)
- You want a list of local herbicide or pest control applicators in your area.

More information

We have a list of noxious and prohibited weeds on our website at: <https://www.lacombecounty.com/index.php/weed-identification-and-control>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-8959.

Check your burn piles!

With warming temperatures and dry conditions, it's important to stay vigilant when burning or checking previously burned sites.

- ✓ Revisit your burn sites
- ✓ Stir and soak the area thoroughly
- ✓ Check for heat under ash or debris
- ✓ Monitor conditions before starting any new burn



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

SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

March 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026

Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision
1	24/26	Rick Hindley	NE 10-41-26-W4M	Dwelling, Second	Approved
2	25/26	Rylan Zens & Hayley Snopek	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 252 1161 (SW 18-41-23-W4M)	Dwelling, First w/covered deck and attached garage	Approved
3	26/26	Henk & Jennette Oosterink	SW 36-41-23-W4M	Attached garage	Approved
4	27/26	Sidney & Teresa Hoogendoorn	NE 33-41-01-W5M	Bed and Breakfast Existing Cabin	Pending
5	28/26	Lloyd Rodney, Sheila Rodney & Clinton Rodney	NE 34-41-25-W4M	Dwelling, Second w/attached shop	Approved
6	29/26	Dale Hansen	SW 28-38-03-W5M	Home Based Business, Major Renewal, Auto Purchasing & Sales	Approved
7	30/26	Bellco Ltd.	Lot 9 Block 2 Plan 002 0581 (NW 11-40-27-W4M)	Dwelling addition and shop	Approved
8	31/26	JPRT Sales Ltd.	Lot 2 Block 1 Plan 962 0559 (SW 23-39-27-W4M)	Storage building	Approved
9	32/26	Trevor & Hally Fair	NW 13-39-26-W4M	Dwelling, First Replacement Residence	Approved
10	33/26	Nathan & Brook Bohning	Pt. NW 16-41-03-W5M	Dwelling, Second Existing Residence	Approved
11	34/26	Anthony & Maria Vanderwal	NW 13-40-28-W4M	Home Based Business, Major Renewal, Vanderwal AG Ltd.	Approved
12	35/26	Jordan & Shelley Lewis	NW 03-41-03-W5M	Dwelling, First Replacement Residence	Approved
13	36/26	590573 Alberta Ltd.	NE 15-39-27-W4M SE 22-39-27-W4M	Outdoor Storage Renewal, Sabasch & Sabasch	Approved
14	37/26	Rachel Boyle	SE 07-41-26-W4M	Dwelling, First	Pending
15	38/26	Lorne & Melanie Zaparniuk	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 772 1897 (Pt. SE 15-40-27-W4M)	Home Based Business, Minor Detailing & Vehicle Repair	Approved

Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision
16	S-006-26	Bemoco Land Surveying Ltd.	SE 24-39-03-W5M	1st Parcel Out	Approved
17	S-007-26	Bemoco Land Surveying Ltd.	NW 21-38-03-W5M	1st Parcel Out	Approved

Success Grows Here!

Planning Services is here to help you plan, build, and grow in Lacombe County.

Contact us if you are:

- Planning to build or develop on your property
- Starting or expanding a business
- Subdividing land
- Purchasing property and have questions
- Unsure what is allowed on your land
- Looking for planning or development information

We encourage you to contact us early in your planning process. We are here to help you navigate the process and move your project forward.

(403) 782-8389

planning@lacombecounty.com

Cajun Paradis

Director of Planning Services

Natasha Wright

Manager of Planning Services

Will Cebuliak

Planner / Development Officer

Allison Noonan

Planning Services Administrative Assistant

Daniella Gonzalez

Planning Services Receptionist

PLANNING SERVICES

Learning the Land Use Bylaw

Personal Alternative Energy Systems

Frequently Asked Questions



Are you interested in installing or developing alternative energy technology on your property? If so, this article aims to answer all your questions about the development of personal alternative energy sources in Lacombe County.

It is important to note that these questions and answers apply to personal alternative energy systems only, like solar panels or a wind turbine to power your residence, shop, a livestock waterer, etc. For any information on larger scale, commercial alternative energy systems, please contact Planning Services.

WHAT IS A PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEM?

Lacombe County's *Land Use Bylaw* defines personal alternative energy technology as any system, device or structure that is used to collect natural energy sources to generate energy. The intention of a personal alternative energy system is to provide power for onsite consumption. A personal alternative energy system may provide residual power to the grid, but the production of power for resale must be a secondary purpose to private, onsite energy consumption.

Examples include:



Solar panels to power your home



A wind turbine to power your shop

WHAT TYPES OF PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS ARE REGULATED BY LACOMBE COUNTY?

Personal alternative energy systems regulated by Lacombe County's *Land Use Bylaw* include solar and wind energy conversion systems. Both of these alternative energy systems have their own section within the *Land Use Bylaw* (Sections 6.25 and 6.26), with these sections outlining the regulations that apply to the development of that type of personal alternative energy system on a property in Lacombe County.

DOES MY WIND ENERGY SYSTEM REQUIRE A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT?

If you live in a Residential District and plan on developing a personal wind energy conversion system on your property, you will require[CP1.1] a Development Permit from Lacombe County.

If your property is in the Agricultural 'A' District, all personal alternative energy systems, including wind energy conversion systems, are a permitted use and do not require a Development Permit.

For more information on the regulations that apply to developing a personal wind energy conversion system on your property, please refer to Section 6.26 of Lacombe County's *Land Use Bylaw*.

DOES MY SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM REQUIRE A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT?

If you would like to install a personal solar energy conversion system on your property, you will not require a Development Permit from Lacombe County. However, the solar collectors are required to meet the following regulations to comply with Section 6.25 of Lacombe County's *Land Use Bylaw*:

- Solar collectors must be mounted on the roof or wall of a building or structure on the property, or ground mounted in a side yard space
- If the solar collector is installed on ground, it must meet the minimum setback requirements of the Land Use District it is located in
- A solar collector mounted on a roof cannot extend beyond the outermost edge of the roof or above the peak of the roof
- A solar collector that is mounted on a wall cannot project more than 1.5 metres (4.9 feet) from the surface of that wall when the wall is facing a rear property line, and 0.6 metres (2 feet) from a wall facing a side or front property line
- A freestanding solar collector must not exceed the maximum building height of the accessory structure within the district

WILL MY PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEM REQUIRE ANY PROVINCIAL OR FEDERAL APPROVALS?

The installation of a personal alternative energy system on your property will likely require additional building or safety codes permits, and it is the responsibility of the applicant to attain these permits, and ensure that the alternative energy system meets all applicable provincial and federal codes, regulations and standards.

For more information on what additional permits may be required for your personal alternative energy system, please contact a provincially authorized safety codes agency and the Canadian Standards Association.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT?

Would you like to install a personal alternative energy system on your property that requires a Development Permit from Lacombe County?

To apply for a Development Permit, please complete the "Development Permit Application – General", available on the *Planning Applications and Guides* page of Lacombe County's website, or stop by the office to pick up a hard-copy of the application form. The completed application form, along with a site plan indicating the location of the structure on your property, a photo of the structure and any additional supporting documentation can be submitted via email to planning@lacombecounty.com or in-person at the County office (40403 Rge Rd 27-4). The application fee for a personal alternative energy system is \$500.00, and may be paid at the County office (cash, debit card or cheque) or online via OptionPay (credit card).

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about developing a personal alternative energy system on your property please contact Planning Services at 403-782-8389 or planning@lacombecounty.com.

Lacombe Research Centre's role in Canada's High Containment Laboratory

Submitted By John W Chomiak, Retired CEO Hemisphere Engineering, APEGA Honorary Member, Principal Emeritus, FCSC

The Feds announced plans to close the Lacombe Research Centre, which is disappointing. This Research Centre is agriculture based and has served the various agriculture communities and sectors for umpteen years. Like other stations across Canada, the Lacombe Centre served as a key resource for farmers, providing research-based knowledge that enhanced their operations and improved the quality of their products. Today the Canadian farmer ranks above average globally, thanks to the various research stations which were the catalysts in "making" the farmer of today.

Although often overlooked, the Lacombe Research Centre was instrumental during design and certifying devices used to build the internationally recognized High Containment Laboratory in Winnipeg, now known as the Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health (CSCHAH). I became aware in mid 80s the Feds were planning to build a combined human – animal high containment laboratory. With this knowledge we decided to pursue this project. As CEO of Hemisphere Consulting Engineers, I met with various scientists in Ottawa to discuss that Hemisphere employed skilled mechanical and electrical engineers, backed by qualified technical staff with extensive expertise. Soon after the conclusion of the numerous trips the Feds issued a Canada wide qualification call for architectural and engineering firms who they felt had the qualification to submit. As the Principal-in-Charge, I collaborated with our team to develop a proposal that met all the requirements as well enhanced the submission on how Hemisphere's design of systems would improve the operation in this laboratory. The proposal was submitted on time, and Hemisphere made the shortlist. Upon further interview presentations, Hemisphere was selected as the mechanical and electrical consulting engineer. Smith Carter of Winnipeg was chosen as the architectural firm, with the late Jim Orzechowski serving as Principal Architect. Soon after the official award of the contract Hemisphere quickly recognized the need to test various reference products to be specified for both mechanical and electrical engineering tasks to ensure that an evolution of design would be realized. Since Lacombe is a research facility near Edmonton, the federal government approved converting part of the Centre into a small high-containment mock-up lab. During the design phase, the finished construction document included both drawings and specifications. The various products we were basing the design on were described in the specification document. In our mechanical and electrical design, we worked diligently to advance both technology and methodology for operating this high-level containment laboratory (HCL). Our aim was also to make sure every system was designed and constructed to the highest possible standard. During the progression of the design, every device to be specified was tested at the mock-up lab in Lacombe. At the HCL, all liquids and solids—including animal carcasses from the CSCHAH—are placed in a large cooker (three are located in Winnipeg), cooked for 48 hours, cooled down, and then discharged into the Winnipeg municipal sewer system. Unfortunately, the testing of a huge cooker was not feasible in the Lacombe

mock-up laboratory and during the tendering phase cooker suppliers had to submit certified test results to obtain approval.

Following the completion of the architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, civil, and landscape construction documents, the project proceeded into an extended tendering phase. During the tendering phase, multiple suppliers sought product approval from Hemisphere. Only Hemisphere approved products (related to M&E) were permitted to be included in the contractor's construction tender. Nearly all mechanical and electrical devices were able to be tested at the Lacombe Research Centre, except for the cookers. We assessed cooker submissions from North American suppliers using certified factory performance reports; however, a German manufacturer requested approval for their cooker. The submission material of the German built cooker indicated their cookers were of superior built and had better mode of operation. To ensure of a proper assessment a visit to their factory was essential. After notifying the German manufacturer, I commenced the visit accompanied by the late project architect Jim Orzechowski. Our travel itinerary included stops in Amsterdam and Bern, Switzerland, followed by high-speed rail transit to Munich, Germany, where the manufacturing plant is located. After several days of reviewing and viewing the devices in an operation mode, an approval was granted for this company to submit their quote to the various contractors pricing the holistic value of this project. On the return trip, the animal high containment Bern lab was toured with much feedback from their scientists.

Throughout the design and construction phases and until the handover of the newly constructed laboratory to Health Canada, Canada Health maintained a small team led by an engineer to oversee the design progression of the project. Firstly, he was ticked off that he was not approved by Health Canada to take part in the trip to Germany, fast forwarding approximately 4 years, with the German cooker being a component of the successful contractor's bid a testing methodology was put into play. The high containment part of the overall lab was filled with HCL type additives to the liquid and water to replicate a functional lab draining into the cooker. In addition, since a large component of the Winnipeg lab is animal, a laboratory replicated dissected hog was also placed into the cooker. When the test began, attended by half a dozen scientists, the Fed engineer joked that if the test failed then I will have to eat a bite of the cooked hog; if the test succeeded to meet the requirements, he would have to eat a piece of hog. Once the cooker was cooled down (about 12 hours) the crowd watched with delight as he chewed on a piece of the hog.

The evolution of Hemisphere's mechanical and electrical engineering design CSCHAH is operating extraordinarily well. Incidentally evolution took place architecturally as well. This laboratory of the year of proven operating systems became the Icon of high containment labs globally.

A tribute to Lacombe Research Centre by permitting Hemisphere and the rest of the design team on the willingness to participant utilizing their facility during the design and tendering phases. With-

out Lacombe participation the evolution of Hemisphere's design with the products to be specified could not be tested before specifying. This lab the CSCHAH, has become the global Icon.

Within a year of the Winnipeg completion Hemisphere was invited by an American multidiscipline architectural/engineering firm in USA to associate with them for a high containment laboratory project for Center of Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia which we accepted. After submitting the team credentials and acing the interviews, our team was chosen to be the architects and engineers to provide the design and construction inspection for this high containment high rise lab. Design, construction, and commissioning took about six years.

The newly built CDC HCL was earmarked to be destroyed in the 9/11 by foreign destruction plan however, during the flight the American pilot was replaced in a struggle by a foreign pilot. Then as the flight continued, the passengers were able to disable the foreign pilot, sadly in the process the airplane crashed a long distance from the CDC lab killing all in the plane. This lab like the Winnipeg lab also is performing well. It should be stated that HCLs do research on various including deadly pathogens which when exposed into the public are weapons. For a decade, the team—Hemisphere included—was engaged in designing numerous high-containment laboratories throughout the United States, as well as projects in Germany, Mexico, and Paraguay. Despite ongoing concerns about the migration of our intellectual property and obtaining legal counsel advice, transfers continued. As the largest U.S. Army military base approached completion—with its high containment design over 95% finished—reality became apparent. The American team obviously with a strategy that the migration of Hemisphere's intellectual property was completed decided to divorce themselves from the Canadian Hemisphere design team. Hemisphere's intellectual property currently has been absorbed into many American consulting engineering firms.

Technical research at Lacombe Research Centre, combined with Hemisphere's engineering expertise, contributed significantly to creating a safer, more innovative high-containment research facilities for scientists. Obviously, the migration of Hemisphere's knowledge and expertise is now global.

As the retired CEO of Hemisphere Engineering and Principal-in-Charge of this highly technical project, I want to express my appreciation to the Lacombe Research Centre should NOT be closed. The development of an advanced high containment design depended on this facility's capacity for testing and acquiring knowledge. I also thank all the Canadian and American scientists whose feedback shaped the design process, as well as Fed Health for supporting renovations at the Lacombe Research Centre to create a mock-up lab. These combined efforts led to the creation of the best High Containment Laboratory, which now operates in full alignment with scientific needs. Thank you Lacombe Research Centre,

Road Ban Season is here: What you need to know

Road bans are a mechanism to minimize road damage and prevent costly repairs. Lacombe County does not seasonally ban any roads but may place temporary bans if a specific location requires a ban for road damage reasons.

Gravel roads are prone to damage in the spring, summer, and fall, but repairs are much less expensive. Lacombe County seldom places road bans on gravel roads since it would restrict industry. Still, the damage can be extensive occasionally, so that road bans could be considered under extreme situations.

Lacombe County relies on ratepayers and industry to use their

best judgment regarding road use. Reporting any signs of road damage to Lacombe County's Operations Department can be beneficial, so that we can facilitate repairs as quickly as possible.

During soft road conditions in spring, the County imposes a 10 am-10 p.m. restriction for oversized and overweight permitted loads (this does not impact legal loads). Scheduling transport during frozen road conditions reduces road damage and mud tracking onto highways.

Grain Movement

County Council recognized the necessary grain movement, and we

strive to work with the agriculture community to facilitate grain movement through the road ban season. Grain hauling on banned roads will be considered, provided a special permit has been applied for and authorized by Lacombe County. Other industries can also be given special permission under certain circumstances.

1. Special permits to haul up to 90% may be considered for roads banned at 75%.
2. Special permits to haul up to 100% may be considered for roads that are banned at 90%
3. Special permits may be considered for 100% loads on banned roads but only to allow access

to the nearest non-banned road.

Road maintenance and rebuilding are costly but can be minimized if road damage is recognized before major repairs are required. The burden of these costs falls on County ratepayers through taxation.

Lacombe County strives to work with industry and ratepayers to facilitate the flow of materials while keeping road maintenance costs down.

We endeavour to minimize the inconvenience to all industries with your assistance.

For a complete listing of affected roads, go to www.lacombecounty.com or contact Lacombe County at 403.782.8379.



All commercial or industrial hauling within Lacombe County requires a road use agreement.

Please get in touch with **ROADATA SERVICES** at **1.888.830.7623** for permits.

Any other inquiries can be directed to Lacombe County Enforcement at 403.782.8959.

Insurance Reminder: Are You Covered for Fire Response Costs?

Spring brings increased activity across Lacombe County — busier roads, on-farm operations, and more outdoor burning. It's an ideal time to review your insurance policies and confirm that you're protected in the event of an emergency.

Under Lacombe County's Fire Protection and Emergency Response Bylaw and supporting policy F(1), residents, businesses, and vehicle owners are invoiced when the fire department responds to emergencies - including structure fires, grass or brush fires, burning barrel incidents, and motor vehicle accidents. These charges are typically covered by insurance, but only if you have the appropriate coverage before an emergency occurs.

This cost recovery model ensures that those who receive emergency services contribute directly to the fire services that protect them, rather than relying solely on property taxes. Many municipalities across Alberta charge for fire department response services.

WHY THIS MATTERS

If a fire or accident occurs, and Lacombe County Fire Services crews respond to the call, you will receive an invoice for:

- Fire department response to structure, grass, brush, or other property fires
 - Motor vehicle fires or collisions
 - Equipment and apparatus used during the call
 - Time spent extinguishing the fire, checking for hotspots, or ensuring the scene is safe
- Insurance often covers these costs, but policies vary.

Contact your insurance provider to confirm that you have sufficient coverage for both your vehicle AND your home/property:

- Whether fire response fees are included
- What limits or conditions apply
- Whether both your home/property and vehicle policies include coverage

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Lacombe County staff can help clarify what types of incidents are invoiced and how cost recovery works.

EXAMPLE OF HOW INVOICING WORKS

For a typical fire where multiple units respond, the invoice may include per hour charges for:

- Engine (Fire Pumper)
- Tender (Water Tanker)
- Brush Truck
- Rescue Truck
- Command Truck (Incident Commander)

Understanding the costs behind fire and emergency services response invoices

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

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

The fire crews responded and began extinguishing the fire. After the fire was extinguished, the crews looked for hot spots and ensured not only that the

fire was out, but also that it would not rekindle, then returned to the fire hall, cleaned up the equipment and prepared it for the next call.

The invoice amount would be as follows:

Invoice Description

	Hours	Unit Rate	Amount
Engine	2	\$740.00	\$1,480.00
Tender	2	\$740.00	\$1,480.00
Brush	2	\$740.00	\$1,480.00
			TOTAL \$4,440.00

DEFINITIONS OF EQUIPMENT USED AT CALLS

RESCUE TRUCK: A specialized vehicle used primarily for rescue operations, including vehicle extrications, medical emergencies, and technical rescues. It carries little or no water but is equipped with hydraulic tools, rescue gear, lighting, ropes, airbags, and medical supplies.

ENGINE: The main firefighting apparatus designed for structure and vehicle fires, rescues, and medical calls. It typically carries 500–1,000 gallons of water, along with hoses, pumps, ladders, and essential firefighting and rescue equipment.

TENDER: A high capacity water tanker that supports firefighting efforts in rural or non hydrant areas. It usually carries 1,500–3,500+ gallons of water and equipment for rapid water transfer to other apparatus.

BRUSH TRUCK: A small, off road capable unit built for wildland and brush fires in hard to reach areas. It typically carries 200–500 gallons of water and specialized wildland gear such as hoses, hand tools, and portable pumps.

REMINDER: Responsible use of public spaces

With the return of warmer weather, Lacombe County's parks, trails, beaches, and green spaces become well-used by residents and visitors alike. These public areas are shared spaces, and everyone has a role to play in keeping them clean, safe, and welcoming.

The standards for responsible public space use are supported by several County bylaws, including the Community Standards Bylaw, Dog Control Bylaw, Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw, and Parks and Reserves Management Bylaw. These bylaws work together to ensure that County spaces remain enjoyable for all while also protecting the environment and the well-being of our communities.

Here are a few simple ways to help ensure everyone can enjoy these spaces:

- **Pets must be leashed and cleaned up after:** Dogs must be on a leash when in public areas such as parks, trails, or campgrounds. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up any waste left by their animals.
- **No cannabis in public places:** Smoking or vaping cannabis is not allowed in public spaces, including parks, trails, and beaches.
- **Off-highway vehicles (OHVs) are restricted:** OHVs, including ATVs and dirt bikes, may only be operated in designated areas where clearly permitted. Please follow posted signage and respect all access restrictions.
- **Equestrian use is prohibited:** Horses are not permitted in County parks or reserve lands, in order to prevent trail damage and preserve sensitive environments.
- **Discharge of firearms is not allowed:** For the safety of all users, firearms and projectile weapons may not be discharged in parks, reserves, or other public spaces.
- **Respect others when gathering:** If you're hosting a group activity in a park, beach, or public space, please be courteous. Keep music and noise to a respectful level, avoid blocking access to others, and leave the area clean.
- **Observe quiet hours:** Noise that disturbs others - such as loud music, shouting, or engine revving - is not permitted between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in public or residential areas.
- **Leave no trace:** Dispose of all garbage properly. If bins are unavailable or full, take your waste home with you to help protect wildlife and keep our parks clean for the next visitor.

By following these expectations, we can all contribute to a positive and respectful outdoor experience across Lacombe County. To learn more, or to view the full bylaws, visit www.lacombecounty.com.

SPRING SEEDING DRIVE SAFELY

Whether you work in acres or hours, patience pays off!



Don't get left in the dust!

Lacombe County is currently taking requests for our **2026 Dust Control Program**. If you are interested in having Calcium Chloride in front of your residence or place of business, please contact Ivy at the County shop at 403-782-3567



Ratepayer's cost-shared rate for 2026 is \$3.60 per lineal metre for two applications and \$1.80 per lineal metre for one application, to a maximum of 200 metres. **If you require more than 200 metres, the additional will NOT be cost shared.**

Please contact us today to get on the list for dust control. Payments are due before the annual deadline of May 15, 2026.

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

If you are interested in finding out more about the County's Dust Control Program, please call Ivy at 403.782.3567, Cassandra at 403.782.8379 or email operations@lacombecounty.com



WE'RE HIRING!

Parts Runner / Yard Person

Permanent, Full-Time | Operations Department
Monday-Friday (7:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Full Details

www.lacombecounty.com/careers

Apply before 8AM on April 20, 2026
to hr@lacombecounty.com



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March 12, 2026

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2026 UPDATE

Council received a presentation on the 2026 Economic Development Strategy Update and approved the update, with the addition of a reference to nuclear power.

GRADER DIVISION REVIEW

Council received a presentation on the County's gravel road network and the divisional graders that maintain the 1,685 kms (1,046.75 mi) of County gravel roads. Council approved the creation of a new grader division in 2026, with the costs of the grader to be funded from the Operational Reserve - Local Government Fiscal Framework.

LAKEVIEW ESTATES – FLUORIDE SURVEY

Council received a presentation on a draft fluoride survey for residents of Lakeview Estates. Council authorized the County Manager to distribute a fact sheet, the final survey, and a prepaid return envelope to residents of Lakeview Estates to gather

feedback regarding point-of-use in-home reverse osmosis systems.

PHEASANTS FOREVER CANADA TREE PLANTING PROJECT

Council directed the County Manager to proceed with a tree planting project on Lacombe County reserve lands on the east side of Gull Lake in partnership with the Central Alberta Chapter of Pheasants Forever Canada, including support for the procurement of seedlings and the use of County lands for planting. The Central Alberta Chapter of Pheasant Forever Canada will be funding this project.

VL ENERGY / ARMADA-NOWLIT ENERGY PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation from Marcc Ma, Chief Executive Officer with Armada-Nowlit Energy, and Ling Bai, Regulatory and Permitting Manager and Adam Abou-Dehn, Operations Manager, both with VL Energy. The presentation included a project

overview of the proposed natural gas-fired power generation and data center facility near Clive, Alberta.

2025 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND LAND USE BYLAW

Council received a presentation on the 2025 Annual Review of the Municipal Development Plan and the Land Use Bylaw.

Bylaw No. 1453/26, a bylaw of Lacombe County for the purpose of amending the Lacombe County Municipal Development Plan No. 1238/17 as it relates to General Regulations, and Bylaw No. 1454/26, a bylaw of Lacombe County for the purpose of amending the Lacombe County Land Use Bylaw No. 1237/17 as it relates to General Regulations and District Requirements, received first reading. A public hearing for both bylaws is scheduled for April 9, 2026 commencing at 9:15 a.m. in the Lacombe County Council Chambers.

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 Pas-kapoo 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/>.




Round-Up Your Used Plastic Twine for a Chance to Win Big Prizes!

\$12,000 in Total Cash Prizes!

From now until May 31, 2026, bring all the used plastic baler twine you can round-up to a participating Alberta collection site for a chance to win a cash prize!

GreatTwineRoundUp.ca

The Great Twine Round-Up

cleanfarms RECYCLE IT!

Alberta



LACOMBE COUNTY

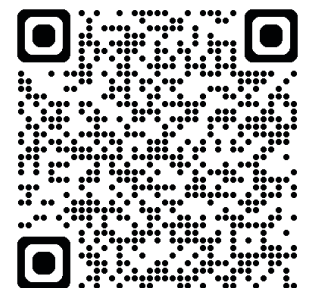
KEEPING IT LOCAL

**SHOP LOCAL
SUPPORT LOCAL
STAY STRONG**

You make a real difference by supporting local businesses. When you shop local, your money stays local, and helps to support local jobs, community programs, community events and charities. Every dollar spent locally makes our community stronger.

WWW.LACOMBECOUNTY.COM/BUSINESSDIRECTORY

Council Highlights & Minutes can be found on our website at calendar.lacombecounty.com/meetings



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March 26, 2026

2025 ELECTION: FINAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Council received an overview of the final campaign disclosure and financial statements for the 2025 Election, including a summary of candidates who filed and complied with legislated filing requirements.

FCM RESOLUTION – FEDERAL AGRICULTURE RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSURES

Council endorsed the joint emergent resolution advocating for the reversal of federal agricultural research centre closures and authorized the County Manager to submit the resolution to the April 23, 2026, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Executive Committee meeting.

ENHANCE ENERGY – REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

Council endorsed a letter of support for Enhance

Energy's request for an expedited update to the federal government's Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage Investment Tax Credit framework, consistent with the November 27, 2025, Canada-Alberta Memorandum of Understanding on energy collaboration. Council authorized the letter to be sent to relevant federal departments, ministers, and Members of Parliament.

POLICING PRIORITIES - BASHAW RCMP DETACHMENT

Council approved submitting three policing priorities to the Bashaw RCMP Detachment:

1. Crime Reduction & Rural Crime Prevention
2. Road Safety & Traffic Enforcement
3. Mental Health & Family Violence Response

LACOMBE COUNTY 2026 RATES AND FEES BYLAW

Council approved all three readings of the Lacombe County 2026 Rates and Fees Bylaw (Bylaw No.

1457/26). The bylaw includes updated fees for utility and approach inspections and rural address signs, and introduces a new ratepayer parking pass exemption. Each Lacombe County property tax account is eligible for up to three free parking passes for both the Sandy Point Beach and Boat Launch Parking Lots and the Sunbreaker Cove Boat Launch Parking Lots, valid from May 1 to October 15 each year.

MUNICIPAL RESERVE ENCROACHMENT APPEAL PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation on a municipal reserve encroachment appeal from Mr. Drew Towers, outlining his concerns and request for consideration.

S-005-26 COMMUNITY USE SUBDIVISION

By resolution, Council approved the subdivision application to create a new 14.4 acres (5.83 hectares) parcel as a community subdivision on W ½ of SW 16-39-01-W5M, subject to several conditions.

Blackfalds Seniors' Club donates bench to Lacombe Hospital and continues strong community involvement

The Blackfalds Seniors' Club continues to make a meaningful impact in the community, most recently through the donation of a handcrafted bench to the Lacombe Hospital.

The idea for the bench began when one of the club's members suggested donating a bench to the hospital for patients, visitors, and staff to enjoy. Club member Dan Dolhan quickly stepped forward to help make the idea a reality. Dan contacted Ryan at Pentagon Farm Centre, who agreed to build the bench. He then worked with Connie, the Site Manager at Lacombe Hospital, who reviewed and approved the donation. With approvals in place, the finished bench was donated and is now proudly located at the hospital.

This recent project is just one example of how active and engaged the Blackfalds Seniors' Club is in the local community.

The club meets at the Blackfalds Community Hall three days a week—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays—from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Annual membership is just \$10, and members are treated to complimentary coffee and snacks at every gathering.

Mondays and Thursdays are filled with a variety of games and card play. On the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, the club hosts popular Music Jams, which are open to the public. A small donation is taken at the door, and 50/50 tickets are sold to help support club activities.

Wednesdays are reserved for 10-cent Bingo, an event that is also open to non-members and always draws a lively crowd.

One of the club's most heartwarming initiatives is its connection with local home daycare children, aged 2 to 4 years old. Four times a year, the children visit the club to play games, read stories, make crafts, and spend time with the seniors. The visits are enjoyed by both generations and have become

a cherished tradition.

Beyond regular programming, the Blackfalds Seniors' Club decorates and enters a float in the Blackfalds Days Parade, hosts special dinners for members in June, as well as for Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving, with members generously contributing to each event.

The club also gives back through donations to the Blackfalds Food Bank and the Blackfalds Bulldogs Hockey Team, and by sending cards to members who are sick or hospitalized.

The seniors would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Town of Blackfalds, Blackfalds FCSS, Blackfalds IGA (for donating a birthday cake each month), and Blackfalds Smiles, who recently hosted a BBQ fundraiser to cover members' dues for 2026.

As members proudly say, staying busy, giving back, and staying connected helps keep them young at heart—and strengthens the entire community.



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, 2025
- If you missed the December 31 deadline, no worries; you can sign up in 2026 anytime before July 31. We will require

Tax Installment PAYMENT PLAN



Sign up TODAY for the monthly plan.



Automatic Budget-friendly Simple Convenient

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

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!

FREE Youth Fire Extinguisher Training

Hosted by the Eckville Fire Department

LEARN SOMETHING THAT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE!

- ✓ Fire Suppression Training
- ✓ Fire Safety Education

Limited spots available

Email to sign up: fire@eckville.com

FOR AGES 12-16
MAY 1, 2026 @ 6PM-9PM

Proudly sponsored by GTI petroleum

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>.

Apply from March 1 to May 31. Learn more at 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

LACOMBE COUNTY

WE'RE HIRING!

Grader Operator

Full Time, Permanent
Monday-Friday (6:45 AM - 5:00 PM*)

Full Details
www.lacombecounty.com/careers

*Willing and able to work irregular hours, including call outs during the winter operations.

Apply before 8AM on April 28, 2026 to hr@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 & District FCSS:
403-782-6637

Bentley FCSS:
403-748-2160

Clive FCSS:
403-784-2020

CALL NOW!



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

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

Seniors 55+ Wellness Mornings

Special programming (no charge) on Mondays/Wednesdays
"Live" Instructors are zoomed in on the large screen TV

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



Move your body, make connections & socialize!

Call 403.748.2160 Location: Town Office/Seniors Drop In space

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

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE \$10

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

Tees Community Cemetery Society

Annual Work Bee @ Tees Cemetery

Saturday, June 6 @ 9:00AM

Potluck lunch at noon (12PM) - hamburgers and hotdogs supplied. Bring a lawn chair and some tools and lend a hand.

Interested? Contact Sven: 403-391-3594

AROUND THE COUNTY



NOVA Chemicals®

INEOS

Joffre Site COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: **Haynes Hall**

Travelling east on Highway 11, turn north (left) on Range Road 244 for 3.3 km to Township Road 390. Cross over 390 and take first left.

Join us for refreshments and take advantage of the opportunity to talk with industry representatives one on one! **Business update presentation starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Q&A session.**

- Get business and facility operations updates
- Discuss any topic of interest
- Provide your input and suggestions
- Fun activities for kids!



We hope to see you there!

CLIVE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Volunteers **Ignite** Connection & Community

Join us for a fun drop-in evening to celebrate **YOU**—our incredible volunteers! Enjoy free snacks and refreshments, connect with like-minded people, and celebrate the energy you bring to our community.

Interested in volunteering? Come in & check out our display of opportunities in Clive!

Tuesday, April 21st, 2026
5:30 – 7:30 pm
Prairie Fire Cafe
5102 50th Street
Clive, AB

CALL OR EMAIL CLIVE FCSS NOW FOR YOUR FREE TICKET OR TO REGISTER

403-784-2020

Email: clivefcss@lacombevcss.net



APRIL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & FAMILIES!

MCMPL

WED
APRIL
15

FOUR EYES FILM SERIES

7PM | LACOMBE CITY CINEMAS
MOVIE: "SHOOK"
* TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY APRIL 1-14 FOR \$9. REMAINING LIMITED TICKETS AT DOOR FOR \$10.

THURS
APR 16
- JUN 11

RETIREMENT TAKES FLIGHT

THURSDAYS APRIL 16 - JUNE 11, 6:30PM
RETIREMENT ISN'T THE END! JOIN THIS 8-PART WORKSHOP. EXPLORE NEW PERSPECTIVES, ASK IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, AND CHART A MEANINGFUL AND UNIQUE LIFE.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. \$20 FEE (FOR ENTIRE WORKSHOP).

WED
APRIL
22

ADULT CRAFTS: EMBROIDERY KEYCHAINS

6:30-8:30PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
MAKE KEYCHAINS OUT OF EMBROIDERY THREAD AND KNOTS.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. \$5 FEE.

FRI
APRIL
24

GUEST AUTHOR: GRISELDA HILL

1PM | READ & RELAX AREA IN THE LIBRARY
COME MEET GRISELDA, BILL, AND THEIR WONDERFUL GERBILS AS THEY SHARE THEIR WONDERFUL CHILDREN'S TALES.
BOOKS: TAILS OF THE TRAVELLING BAG SERIES AND FIRST MOONSHINE

DON'T FORGET:
OUR 3 ADULT BOOK CLUBS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS!

WED
APRIL
29

TRIVIA NIGHT

7-8:15PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
COME FOR SOME TRIVIA FUN AS A TEAM OF 2-5 OR AS A SINGLE. ADULTS AND TEENS.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. ADMISSION BY DONATION.

THURS
APRIL
30

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: HARVEY PRINS

7PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
COME LEARN ABOUT LIVING OFF THE LAND!
* DONATIONS WELCOME AND APPRECIATED.

WED
MAY
6

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

4:30-5:30 WEDNESDAYS STARTING MAY 6 | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
← DATE CORRECTION
PRACTISE AND GROW YOUR ENGLISH CONVERSATION SKILLS WITH OTHER NEWCOMERS IN A FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW DISCORD SERVER!
Join us for bookish chatter, news and updates, make suggestions, and more!

Link:
<https://discord.gg/vFn6cBZ8ks>

MORE DETAILS AT WWW.LACOMBELIBRARY.COM



AROUND THE COUNTY



Blackfalds' Servus Credit Union Public Library



EAGLE BUILDERS CENTRE

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

Programming

- Baby & Toddler Time *Ages 0-3*
- Music & Movement *Ages 1-4*
- Reading Buddies *Ages 6-13*
- Videogame Club *Ages 8+*
- After School Arts Club *Ages 10+*
- English as a Second Language Instruction *Ages 18+*
- Family Films *All Ages*

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

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!

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



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:

- May 5 is summer registration day. Registration opens at 8:30 am.
- May 10th is mother's day, all mom's swim for free!
- May 18 Public Swim 1:00-5:00 pm only.
- May 29 & 30 - Lacombe Dolphins Swim Meet

The pool will close at 8:30 pm on May 29 for the swim meet and will reopen on May 30 at 6:30 pm.
Public Swim will still be available both evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm (no WIBIT).

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



WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

NO CHARGE - COUNSELLING FOR ALL AGES - NOW AVAILABLE

Connect with our Resource Navigator for referral, to book with Behavioral Health Consultant- Trish Rasmussen (MPCC-Provisional).

Active Living

Stop in or visit online to learn more about what is going on this season. We host programs and activities to help improve your health, quality of life and well-being. Current offerings include fitness classes and yoga!

SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS

If you are needing extra support at home or with your daily routines, we may be able to help. Programming for older adults now includes Meals on Wheels, transportation to medical appointments and Wise Owls- basic home support and extended outreach services. Please contact us to learn more about fees, eligibility, how we can assist you and to arrange services.

Next Connecting Clans
Touch a Truck' on Monday, June 1 at the school grounds. More details coming soon!

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

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

Closed all statutory holidays

Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB
403-396-3369



Upcoming Classes at the County of Lacombe Lifelong Learning Assoc.



Basics of Bookkeeping:
In-person, 5 week program to learn how to complete a full bookkeeping cycle.
Cost:\$200
Starts April 21



Managing Volunteers:
a framework for working with people in a variety of capacities
\$50/pp includes dinner
Tuesday April 14th 5-9pm



Marketing for Non-profits:
Friday May 29th 10-3
\$60/ includes lunch

Risk Management for Non-profits:
Friday June 12th 10-3
\$60/ includes lunch

Pre-registration required
To register for a course, please use QR code





SPRING ACTIVE LIVING FAIR
AT THE LACOMBE MEMORIAL CENTRE
4:30-7:00 PM
NEW DATE!
WED. MAY 6TH

JOIN A CLUB, TAKE A CLASS, PLAY A SPORT, LEARN SOMETHING NEW, VOLUNTEER, OR JUST COME AND CHECK IT OUT!

for more info: emailoffice@cilla.com
www.cilla.com

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



\$12 PER PLATE UNDER 5 BY DONATION

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026
 SUMMER VILLAGE OF GULL LAKE COMMUNITY HALL
 — 9 AM - 12 PM | \$12 PER PLATE —
 UNDER 5 BY DONATION
 HOSTED BY THE GULL LAKE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

**LINCOLN HALL
 SPRING MARKET**

SATURDAY MAY 9TH, 2026
FROM 10AM TO 4PM
Location: Hwy 792, Lacombe

Food supplied by The Culinary Pursuit 

Come check out all our local vendors and Saving Grace Rescue will be here

Check out Gull Lake Honey Market on the same day

Mother's Day Market
Gilby Hall
May 9, 2026
10 - 3
 Time to celebrate Mom with fresh flowers, food and handmade gifts!
 For further information, text 780-964-3707

FREE Stay & Play Bentley Playgroup

Child ages 0-6 plus Caregiver
Friday @ Town of Bentley Office
Basement 9:30-11:30
Free play, craft, story & more!



Heather McLaren:
403-704-4600

The 15th Annual Ladies' Luncheon
FABULOUS & Flourishing

Because of you, our bright shining stars.
May 7, 2026
 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Red Deer Resort & Casino

You're invited to be part of something meaningful. Scan for details and tickets, or call 403-356-1678.



Kids Klub Bentley
 Ages- 6 plus
After School program
Mondays @ Town of Bentley Office Basement 3:15-5:15
Snack Included

FREE



To Register:
Barb Carson- 403-748-2160
Heather McLaren- 403-704-4600

SATURPLAY BENTLEY
April 25
10-12


Come hang out with other families, have a coffee and let the kids play!
Basement of Bentley Town Office

Contact:
frnlacombe@mcmcentral.ca
 (403)896-3915

Fun for the whole family!

Mark your calendars!

Village of Clive Fun Fest – June 20, 2026



Join us for a day full of excitement and community spirit at Fun Fest!

Enjoy a parade, touch-a-truck, penny carnival, inflatables, food trucks, fireworks, and so much more!

Come on out to Clive to celebrate the start of summer.

Fun Fest - where summer feels like it used to!

For more information, contact clerk@clive.ca or call 403-784-3366.

Morningside Community Society
Annual General Meeting
May 20, 2026 at 7 pm | Morningside Hall

Our hall is desperately in need of Board Members and people just willingly to lend a helping hand occasionally.

Come join us for coffee and more information.

SPRING IS COMING

Spring Potluck and Plant Bingo is on April 25th, doors open at 5:30 pm. See you there

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

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

LACOMBE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2026

LACOMBE FCSS & THE CITY OF LACOMBE

April 23, 2026

Lacombe Memorial Center - Doors Open 5:30pm

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!

Look for the nomination forms and information on our website.

Recognize a volunteer in our community today!

June 15th - 19th 2026

ADVANCED GRANT WRITING COURSE™

Learn a proven process for winning government grants. The course is created and taught by David Kincade, a professional grant writer with 25+ years of experience.

- Includes your grant calendar (e.g., customized list of grants)
- Create a master grant application you can use year after year
- Ideal for people seeking more than \$50,000 in grants

The City of Lacombe is excited to host David Kincade's Advanced Grant Writing Course™ from June 15th to June 19th, 2026 at the Lacombe Memorial Centre. 14 spots are available.

Schedule:

- Monday: 1:00pm – 4:15pm
- Tuesday: 8:45am – 12:00pm. Lunch. 12:30pm – 3:45pm
- Wednesday: 1:00pm – 4:15pm
- Thursday: 8:45am – 12:00pm. Lunch. 12:30pm – 3:45pm
- Friday: 8:45am – 12:00pm

Deliverables:

- 21 hours of in-person training to help organizations build a master grant application
- Online grant writing portal for 12 months following the course (over 14 hours of instructional video and over 140 lessons)

Question and Answer:

- Organizations will receive complimentary assistance in applying for a training grant with the course instructor, so please contact us as soon as possible.
- The training grant (Canada-Alberta Productivity Grant) may cover 50% of the trainee cost.
- Course Cost Per Trainee: \$5,000. Training Grant covers \$2,500 per trainee. Plus GST.
- The training grant is first come, first serve. **Submit by May 14, 2026.**
- A reminder that the grant is reimbursed. The organization is required to pay the tuition before the course starts, and it submits for reimbursement the day after the course.
- If the organization is ineligible for the CAPG, they are required to fund the course cost.
- Learn more: <https://albertabusinessgrants.ca/grant-writing>

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

MARKETING

STRATEGY ACTION PROMOTION

Marketing for Nonprofits WORKSHOP

May 29 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

Registrations after May 22nd will be charged \$75. Call 403-782-7955 or office@cilla.com

Risk Management for Volunteer Managers WORKSHOP

June 12 10am-4pm at: LMC

COST \$60 includes lunch

The purpose of a Risk Management Plan is to protect your organization, staff, volunteers, and clients. Managing risk doesn't have to be an intimidating or overwhelming task! A successful risk management strategy is one that is tailored to you.

In this 1-day workshop, you will discover how to:

- Discover what is risk and risk management
- Define the in-depth process of risk management
- Create and implement a risk management plan
- Evaluate the outcomes

Registrations after June 5th will be charged \$75. Call 403-782-7955 or office@cilla.com

Contact: davidk@albertabusinessgrants.ca or 780-297-6177 to register by May 30th.

MAY 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	MAY 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Tree Pruning Workshop (Pg. 12)	13	14 County Council 9AM	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day (Office Closed)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 County Council 9AM	29	30
31						

Upcoming Events: June 2: Committee of the Whole (9AM), June 11: County Council Meeting (9AM), June 25: County Council Meeting (9AM)

ATTENTION: Notification of Access for County Assessors

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

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



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

facebook.com/LacombeCounty

instagram.com/lacombecounty

twitter.com/LacombeCounty

youtube.com/LacombeCounty

www.lacombecounty.com

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

COUNTY NEWS

is published by Lacombe County and printed by GreatWest Publishing. If you have feedback or story ideas, please contact:

Nicole Plewis, Communications Coordinator
communications@lacombecounty.com
 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	Cell
John Ireland, Div. 1	(jireland@lacombecounty.com)		403.392.3981
Brenda Knight, Div. 2	(bknight@lacombecounty.com)	403.788.2168	403.550.2168
Mark Visscher, Div. 3	(mvisscher@lacombecounty.com)		403.350.4709
Dwayne West, Div. 4	(dwest@lacombecounty.com)		403.660.2328
Roger Van Haren, Div. 5	(rvanharen@lacombecounty.com)		403.896.9931
Allan Wilson, Div. 6	(awilson@lacombecounty.com)		403.506.3735
Dana Kreil, Div. 7	(dkreil@lacombecounty.com)	403.746.3607	403.358.9400
Senior Administration			
Tim Timmons, County Manager ttimmons@lacombecounty.com		Call 403-782-6601 to speak with the County Manager or with a Lacombe County Director	
Michael Minchin, Director of Corporate Services mminchin@lacombecounty.com			
Bill Cade, Director of Operations bcade@lacombecounty.com			
Cajun Paradis, Director of Planning Services cparadis@lacombecounty.com			
Dion Burlock, Director of Community Services dburlock@lacombecounty.com			