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Lacombe County Council re-elects Reeve, Deputy Reeve during 2026 Organizational Meeting



During Lacombe County's annual Organizational Meeting, Council unanimously re-elected Division 1 Councillor John Ireland as Reeve and Division 4 Councillor Dwayne West as Deputy Reeve for a second one-year term.

Reeve Ireland, who was first elected to Lacombe County Council in 2017 and served as Deputy Reeve from 2021-2025, expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to continue serving in a leadership capacity. He was appointed as Reeve in 2025.

"Thank you all for your continued support. It's truly humbling to be re-elected as Reeve," said Reeve John Ireland. "There is no doubt that the past year brought some big issues and unexpected challenges, but I feel we have met those challenges head on, while recognizing the new opportunities they present. I'm looking forward to working together with Council and am incredibly grateful for the tremendous support we receive from Lacombe County staff."

Deputy Reeve West has represented Division 4 since 2021 and shared his appreciation for the opportunity to serve a second term as Deputy Reeve.

"It's an honour to continue serving as Deputy Reeve, and I'm honoured to work alongside Reeve Ireland and my fellow Councillors in this role," said Deputy Reeve Dwayne West. "The past year brought significant challenges, but it also showed how much we can accomplish by working together. I'm grateful to Council and Administration for their tremendous support throughout the year, and I look forward to continuing that teamwork in the year ahead."

County Manager Tim Timmons congratulated both Ireland and West on their reappointments, highlighting their leadership and commitment to collaboration.

"Reeve Ireland and Deputy Reeve West have demonstrated steady leadership through a challenging year, and I congratulate them both on their re-election," said County Manager Tim Timmons. "Their collaborative approach and commitment to Lacombe County will continue to serve Council, Administration and our residents well. We look forward to supporting them in the year ahead."

ABOUT REEVE JOHN IRELAND

John Ireland's deep-seated connection to Central Alberta began as he grew up on a mixed farm east of Red Deer. In 1986, he relocated to the Joffre area, where he continues to farm with his family. Community involvement has always been a hallmark of John's life, enabling him to connect with residents throughout Lacombe County.

He was first elected to County Council in 2017 and served as Deputy Reeve from 2021 to 2025. In 2025, he was appointed Reeve of Lacombe County. Throughout his time on Council, John has actively represented the County on several boards, including the Highway 12/21 Water Services Commission; Red Deer River Municipal Users Group; Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission; North Red Deer River Water Services Commission; North Red Deer Wastewater Services Commission; and the Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board.

ABOUT DEPUTY REEVE DWAYNE WEST

Originally from Westlock, Dwayne West relocated to Lacombe in 1992 and subsequently moved to Lacombe County with his wife, Pam, and their two children in 2000. He manages a Red Deer-based oilfield service company. He has been deeply involved in community activities through local sports associations, the Turville Community Association, and the Lacombe Fish and Game Association.

Deputy Reeve West was first elected as Division 4 County Councillor in 2021. During his time on Council, he has continued to emphasize the importance of aligning community, agriculture, industry, and government for the continued success of Lacombe County. He is particularly passionate about supporting rural crime prevention, economic diversity, and responsible fiscal management.

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Lacombe County
RR3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3

FIREWORKS PERMITS

Do you want to set off fireworks over the holidays? Lacombe County recommends submitting a fireworks permit ***BY NOON:***

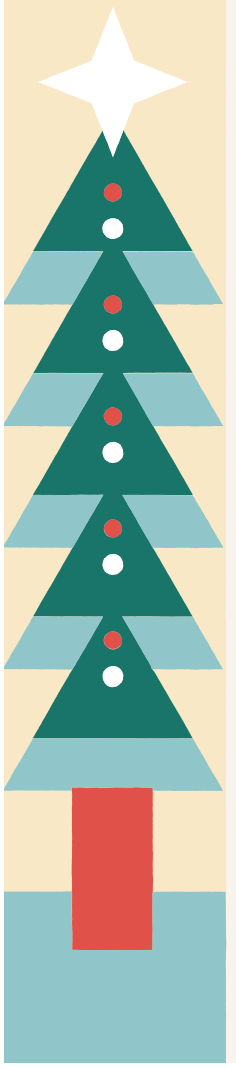
- **December 22** (for Christmas displays)
- **December 29** (for New Year's displays)



Remember: you must have the permission of all adjacent property owners, be at least 18 years of age, and follow the rules laid out in the Consumer Fireworks Permit.

Permits will be cancelled if a Fire Advisory, Fire Restriction or Fire Ban is in place.

www.lacombecounty.com/fireworks



LACOMBE COUNTY

Lacombe County Holiday Hours

Staff Function 11th December	Closed between 12 - 1 p.m. Closing at 3 p.m.
Christmas Eve 24th December	Closed
Christmas Day 25th December	Closed
Boxing Day (in lieu) 28th December	Closed
New Year's Eve 31st December	Closing at 3 p.m.
New Year's Day 1st January	Closed

All other week days, we are open 8:00AM - 4:30PM

We wish you all a safe and joyful holiday season!

RAVE MOBILE SAFETY

RAVE Alert mass notification system

What is RAVE?

RAVE allows the Alberta RCMP to provide operational or educational alerts to community members in specific areas of the province. Users who sign up can receive alerts for:

- **Crime watch notifications**
- **Traffic advisories**
- **Crime prevention tips**
- **General public safety messaging**

Alerts are sent via email, text message, or phone call.

Why should I sign up?

RAVE allows community members to assist police and act as useful resources to their local detachments and their respective communities. You can also receive trusted information in real-time.

How do I sign up?

Scan the QR code to register:

www.getrave.ca/smart911/ref/login.action?pa=CrimeWatchAdvisoryAB)

Scan the QR code for instructions and to set your RAVE preferences:

https://youtu.be/0TO9oevDo5c

CAPTURE

Community Assisted Policing Through Use of Recorded Evidence

Register your security camera

Assist police with investigating crimes and keeping your community safe.

Registry is secure and entirely voluntary. Sign up today and help protect your property, your family, and your community.

REGISTER YOUR CAMERA(S) AT

ruralalbertacapture.ca

APPLY TODAY: Community Program Grants available

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

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

The application deadline is February 1, 2027; applicants will be advised by March 31, 2027 of the status of their application.

Policy Guidelines/Procedures:

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

To be eligible for consideration, programs:

- Must demonstrate a need for financial support from the County;
- Must be held for the enjoyment and benefit of the general public;
  - Must be hosted on an annual basis and/or recognize significant milestone events;
  - Must not charge an admission, entrance or registration fee for the program, event or activity;
- Must receive at least an equivalent amount of funding from the urban municipality in which the program, event or activity is being held as that being requested from the County;
- Must receive at-least an equal amount of funding from the community organization if the program, event or activity is being held in the County; and
- Must take place in the County, or in the urban municipalities within the County in 2027.

The following are not eligible for support under this policy:

- capital facilities and equipment;
- youth and adult sports teams and associated programs, events and activities;
- school reunions;
- private functions;
- community organizations, programs, events and activities that receive support from the County through other programs or policies.

Funding Allotment & Allocation:

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

To view the Policy and a downloadable application form, see the County Website and look for the Grants and Funding page or visit www.lacombecounty.com/grants

Task force hopeful amid ongoing agricultural research discussions

The Lacombe Research and Development Centre (LRDC) Joint Task Force feels hopeful about comments made during this week's Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Convention, indicating that discussions about the future of agricultural research in Alberta remain ongoing.

During a Bear Pit session with provincial ministers, Lacombe County Reeve John Ireland asked the Province to outline its commitment to agricultural research following the federal government's decision to close several Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada research facilities, including the Lacombe Research and Development Centre.

"Over the past year, we've seen strong support from municipalities, researchers, producers and industry organizations who recognize the importance of agricultural research to Alberta's economy and food production systems," said Ireland. "Our advocacy has always been about more than a single facility. It's about ensuring Alberta retains the research capacity, expertise and innovation needed to keep our agriculture sector competitive and resilient."

In response, Alberta's Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation Tara Sawyer confirmed discussions are continuing regarding future opportunities and partnerships related to agricultural research in the province.

"The conversation is not done," said Minister Sawyer during the session. "We have not stopped being that voice... we know there's a path forward. It's going to take collaboration, and it's still in the works."

The Minister also highlighted the Province's continued investments in agricultural research through Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) and Western Crop Innovations (WCI).

For Task Force members, the comments reinforce the importance of continuing advocacy efforts.

"The Minister's comments confirm what municipalities, producers and industry leaders have been saying throughout this process: the conversation about agricultural research in Alberta is far from over," said Thalia Hibbs, Mayor of the City of Lacombe. "We are optimistic that discussions are continuing and remain committed to working collaboratively with all levels of government and industry to support innovation, food security and the long-term success of Canadian agriculture."

The Task Force will continue working with municipalities, producer organizations, researchers, industry representatives and government partners to advocate for sustainable agricultural research capacity in Alberta and across Canada.

"Our communities have consistently demonstrated that agricultural research matters," said Ireland. "We'll continue advocating for solutions that preserve research excellence, support producers and strengthen Canada's agricultural future."

About the Joint Municipal Research Advocacy Task Force

The Lacombe Research and Development Centre (LRDC) Joint Task Force was established by the City of Lacombe and Lacombe County following the announcement of the LRDC's closure.

Since January 2026, the Task Force has engaged municipal leaders, producer groups, industry stakeholders and elected officials from across Canada to advocate for the retention and advancement of agricultural research capacity for future generations.



Outstanding 2026 taxes?

November 30 deadline fast approaching; 10% penalty will be applied to all unpaid taxes

An additional 10% penalty will be added on December 1 for all taxes unpaid after November 30, 2026.

The November 30 deadline and penalty are not applicable to property owners currently enrolled in the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP).

How can I pay my taxes?

Tax payments are payable to Lacombe County and can be made using one of the following options:

- **By mail to**: Lacombe County, RR3, Lacombe, AB T4L 2N3
  - Mailed payments must be postmarked by Canada Post no later than August 31st of the current year. If the postmark is illegible or missing, the actual date of receipt by Lacombe County will apply.
- **In Person:** At the County Office (40403 RGE RD 274, Lacombe County, AB) during office hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
  - Deposited in the envelope mailbox located at the road entrance to the County office (do not submit cash).
- **Through Your Financial Institution:** Payments can be made at most financial institutions through internet or telephone banking.
  - Set up Lacombe County as a bill payee using roll number for taxes, utility account number for utilities.
  - Each roll and utility account number needs to be set up individually, or payments may be misapplied.
- **Electronic funds transfer (EFT):** Businesses, please contact the office if interested in paying by EFT.
- **By Credit Card:** visit www.lacombecounty.com and pay through OptionPay, a secure third-party site, to make payment by credit card. (Please note that there is a fee for this service. Lacombe County does not receive any of the credit card fees.)

Tax Installment Payment Plan: Those enrolled in the County's tax installment plan (TIPP) will see their payment adjusted, annually in May to reflect the new tax rates for the current year.

You can pay your bills through the teller service, bank machine, internet or telephone.

Please Note:To ensure your payments are credited to your account, please remember to include the top "tear-away" portion of your assessment and tax notice, or provide your 10 Digit Tax Roll Number with your payment.

If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to Lacombe County.

2026 FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Lenz Farms named Lacombe County's 2026 Farm Family of the Year

For nearly eight decades, the land southwest of Bentley has been home to the Lenz family.

What began in 1948, when Fred and Dorothy Lenz left Saskatchewan in search of a new opportunity, has grown into a thriving, multi-generational mixed-grain and cattle operation. Today, Brian and Dianne Lenz, Glen and Laurie Lenz, and Jason and Paula Lenz continue to build on that legacy, combining innovation with a strong commitment to family, community, and environmental stewardship. For their contributions to agriculture and rural life, Lenz Farms Ltd. has been selected as Lacombe County's 2026 Farm Family of the Year.

"Just to be nominated is an honour," says Jason. "You don't expect to be recognized for what you do day in and day out. Farm families play such an important role in our communities, and we're grateful to Lacombe County and the Lacombe and District Chamber of Commerce for recognizing agriculture in this way."



GROWING ALONGSIDE AGRICULTURE

When Fred Lenz purchased the family farm in 1948, agriculture looked much different from what it does today. Barley was the primary crop, much of the land remained in pasture, and the shorter growing season limited what producers could successfully grow.

Over the decades, the farm evolved alongside the industry. Advances in crop genetics, changing growing conditions, and new technologies created opportunities for growth and diversification. In the 1960s, the family expanded into a farrow-to-finish hog operation, which remained an important part of the farm for more than 50 years before being phased out in 2014. Today, Lenz Farms focuses on grain production and a cow-calf operation.

"Not only has the technology changed, but what we can grow and how much we can grow have changed too," says Glen. "We're always learning and making adjustments."

FARMING FOR THE FUTURE

A willingness to adopt new technology and continuously improve farming practices has helped shape the farm's success.

From soil testing to variable rate fertilizer management, new crop genetics and modern equipment upgrades, the family is constantly evaluating how to make the best use of its resources while improving productivity and sustainability.

"You need to know what you have in the soil," says Jason. "Every area of a field has different needs. Applying the right nutrients in the right place leads to healthier crops, more efficient crop inputs, and is better for the environment."

That same philosophy extends to their stewardship of the land. Lenz Farms became one of the first farms in Alberta to install tile drainage in the mid-1980s, and the system has continued to expand over the years.

Tile drainage uses a network of underground pipes to remove excess water from agricultural land. By improving drainage and reducing prolonged saturation in low-lying areas, the system supports healthier crops, reduces soil compaction, and helps crops recover more quickly following wet conditions.

The family has also embraced practices that help build long-term soil health. Rather than removing all crop residue after harvest, much of the remaining straw is incorporated back into the soil, helping replenish nutrients and increase organic matter.

"We'll bale only what we need for our livestock and help neighbours who need straw," says Brian. "The rest goes back into the soil. We want to leave the land in even better condition for the next generation."

A FAMILY EFFORT

Like many successful farms, Lenz Farms is built on teamwork.

Brian oversees the cattle operation and grain hauling, Jason leads crop production and marketing, Glen keeps equipment and infrastructure running smoothly, and Paula manages the farm's finances. When the workload increases, everyone pitches in, including the younger generation.

Whether it's harvest, moving cattle, or tackling projects around the yard, the farm succeeds because family members continue to work together toward a common goal.

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

The Lenz family's commitment extends well beyond their farm gate.

Over the years, family members have contributed to numerous agricultural organizations, local boards, recreation facilities, churches, and community initiatives. From agricultural leadership roles and advisory boards to local hockey, arena, church, and community projects, giving back has long been part of the family's values.

"It's amazing what can get done when people get involved," Brian says. "You meet different people, gain new perspectives, and learn from one another."

The family has also supported initiatives such as the Canadian Foodgrains Bank growing project, helping provide assistance to communities far beyond Lacombe County. In recognition of his contributions to agriculture, Jason received the King Charles III Coronation Medal in 2024.

LOOKING AHEAD

While the farm's history stretches back nearly 80 years, the family remains focused on the future. Like many agricultural families, they hope the next generation will have the opportunity to continue the legacy that began with Fred Lenz in 1948.

"The grandkids are the future," says Jason. "We'd love to see the farm continue, but whatever path they choose, we hope they appreciate the opportunities agriculture can provide."

For Brian, the recognition remains both humbling and unexpected.

"Farming is something you do because you love it," Glen says. "You don't expect to be recognized for doing what you love."

Through generations of hard work, adaptability, and service to their community, the Lenz family has built more than a successful farm. They have built a lasting legacy, one that continues to grow alongside the land they have called home for nearly eight decades.

SAFETY FIRST

ANSWER THE CALL

We want you to join our paid-on-call firefighter teams in Alix, Clive, Bentley or Eckville.



Be Part of the Community. Save Lives. Make a Difference.

Learn more about joining Lacombe County Fire Services: www.lacombecounty.com/recruitment

When an emergency happens, every second counts. Across Lacombe County, local firefighters answer the call to help neighbours, protect property, and support their communities during some of life's most challenging moments.

Now, Lacombe County Fire Services is looking for dedicated community members to join our paid-on-call fire departments in Alix, Bentley, Clive, and Eckville.

"Paid-on-call firefighters are local residents serving local residents. The training, teamwork, and sense of purpose make it an incredibly rewarding way to give back to your community. We're especially encouraging those with daytime availability to consider joining our team," said Manager of Fire & Emergency Services, Dave Bain.

Whether it's responding to fires, motor vehicle collisions, medical emergencies, or other incidents, paid-on-call firefighters play a vital role in keeping our communities safe.

MORE THAN A FIREFIGHTER

Being a paid-on-call firefighter is about more than emergency response. It's about being part of a team, serving your neighbours, and making a meaningful contribution to the place you call home.

Members receive professional training, ongoing skill development, and the opportunity to work alongside a dedicated group of individuals who share a commitment to helping others.

No previous firefighting experience is required. Lacombe County provides the training and equipment needed to become a successful member of the fire service.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We're looking for community-minded individuals who are willing to learn, work as part of a team, and respond when their community needs them.

We're particularly interested in hearing from people who are available during the daytime, as many emergency calls occur during regular business hours.

You may be an excellent fit if you are:

- A farmer or rancher
- Self-employed
- A local business owner
- A remote worker
- A shift worker with daytime availability
- Retired or semi-retired
- Employed by an organization that supports community emergency response

A REWARDING WAY TO SERVE

For many members, one of the most rewarding aspects of the role is knowing they are making a difference close to home.

Paid-on-call firefighters build valuable skills, develop lasting friendships, gain leadership experience, and have the unique opportunity to help protect the people and places that matter most to them.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL DEPARTMENT

If you've ever thought about serving your community in a meaningful way, now is the time. Lacombe County Fire Services is currently recruiting paid-on-call firefighters for departments in:

- Alix
- Bentley
- Clive
- Eckville

Answer the call. Be part of the community. Save lives. Make a difference.

To learn more about becoming a paid-on-call firefighter and to apply, visit the Join the Lacombe County Fire Service page:

www.lacombecounty.com/recruitment

"One of the most rewarding parts of being a firefighter is knowing you're helping the people who live beside you, work beside you, and share your community. Every call is an opportunity to make a difference when someone needs it most. If you've ever wanted to give back in a meaningful way, we encourage you to join our team."

District Fire Chief Steve Zaytsoff,
Clive Fire Department

"Being a paid-on-call firefighter is about more than responding to emergencies. It's about teamwork, commitment, and serving a community you care about. We welcome people from all backgrounds and experiences. If you're willing to learn and ready to help others, we'll provide the training and support you need to succeed."

District Fire Chief Corrie Anderson,
Alix Fire Department

"Many of our strongest members never imagined themselves becoming firefighters. They simply wanted to contribute to their community and challenge themselves in a new way. The skills you gain, the friendships you build, and the opportunity to help your neighbours make this an incredibly rewarding experience."

District Fire Chief Jeff Vert,
Bentley Fire Department

"Daytime response is critical in rural communities, which is why we're encouraging local residents who work in the area, run businesses, farm, work remotely, or have flexible schedules to consider joining the fire service. Having firefighters available close to home can make all the difference during an emergency."

District Fire Chief John Philips,
Eckville Fire Department

MIRROR CORNER



TEES CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CAROL FESTIVAL

When: Thurs., December 10th
7:00 pm until 8:30 pm

Where: Tees Hall

Musical Numbers *Carol Singing* *Santa*

All performers welcome.
Please contact Carla at 587-447-8199
to be included in the program.

Wear your holiday sweater and enter to win the draw!

Potluck goodies and snacks to follow the concert.



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 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Booking Mirror Community Hall

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

Mirror and District Museum

Contact mmuseum@cciwireless.ca 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 1-888-888-5909 or email contact@cn.ca. 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.



Holiday Collection Notice

Schedule update for Mirror residents



With Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Fridays this year, Phantom Garbage Services will be collecting garbage one day earlier on the following dates:

- Friday, December 25, 2026 → **Thursday, December 24, 2026**
- Friday, January 1, 2027 → **Thursday, December 31, 2026**

Please have your garbage set out for pickup on these days by your regular collection time.*

Mirror residents reminded to shovel sidewalks

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

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





Information packages available to help residents stay safe

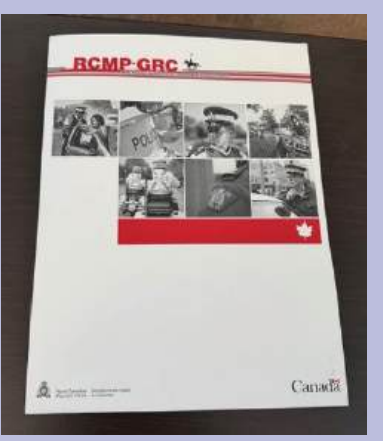
Lacombe County residents can now pick up free safety information packages at the County Administration Office.

Developed by the Blackfalds RCMP, these packages contain practical information designed to help residents protect themselves, their families, and their property. Topics include:

Internet and online safety
Fraud and scam prevention
Property crime prevention
While many safety resources are shared online, these printed packages provide an accessible option for residents who may prefer to receive information in a traditional format.

Residents are encouraged to stop by the County Administration Office and pick up a package for themselves, a family member, friend, or neighbour.

By staying informed about emerging safety concerns, residents can take proactive steps to protect themselves and contribute to safer communities throughout Lacombe County.





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OPERATIONS

NOTICE OF BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION

Pursuant to Municipal Government Act M-26 534(2), Lacombe County hereby provides notice to any person having an interest in land that is adjacent to lands which Lacombe County has constructed a public bridge. Persons entitled to compensation from the municipality for loss of or the permanent lessening of use of that person's land caused by the public work are advised to make a claim within 60 days after this notice is published.

The following 2026 bridge construction projects have been completed as of November 6, 2026:

Project Number	Description
BF1177	Tributary to Haynes Creek Contract: CA0045106.3938 Township Road 400 (SE 1-40-25 W4)
BF70458	Tributary to Rainy Creek Contract: CA0045106.3938 Range Road 30 (NW 7-41-2 W5)
BF1966	Jones Creek Contract: 01966-26 Range Road 252 (SW 14-38-25 W4)

For more information, please contact:

Brandon Maier
Manager of Operations
(403) 782-3567
Email: bmaier@lacombecounty.com

NOTICE OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION

Pursuant to Municipal Government Act M-26 534(2), Lacombe County hereby provides notice to any person having an interest in land that is adjacent to lands which Lacombe County has constructed a public bridge. Persons entitled to compensation from the municipality for loss of or the permanent lessening of use of that person's land caused by the public work are advised to make a claim within 60 days after this notice is published.

The following roads have been completed as of November 6, 2026:

- **Project Number: C2242**
- **Description: Rge Rd 22-4 (West 16 & 21-39-22 W4, from Hwy 12 to Twp Rd 39-2)**

For more information, please contact:

Brandon Maier | Manager of Operations
Phone:(403) 782-3567 | Email: bmaier@lacombecounty.com

Your Roads Explained: Snow Removal in Lacombe County

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

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

PAVED ROADS

Order of Priority

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

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

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

For concerns on numbered highways or to report an issue, contact Mainroad Alberta at 1-877-875-3263.

GRAVEL ROADS

Order of Priority

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

Snow removal typically begins when snow accumulation reaches about 5 centimetres. The goal is to have the entire gravel road system cleared within four days after a snowfall, depending on the storm's severity and duration.

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

PRIVATE PROPERTY

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

Residents who need this service can visit www.lacombecounty.com and search "area contractors" for a list of local snow removal providers.

A QUICK SAFETY REMINDER

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

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





Who Clears What?

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

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

PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS
- Responsible for driveways and private lanes
- County does not provide snow removal on private property

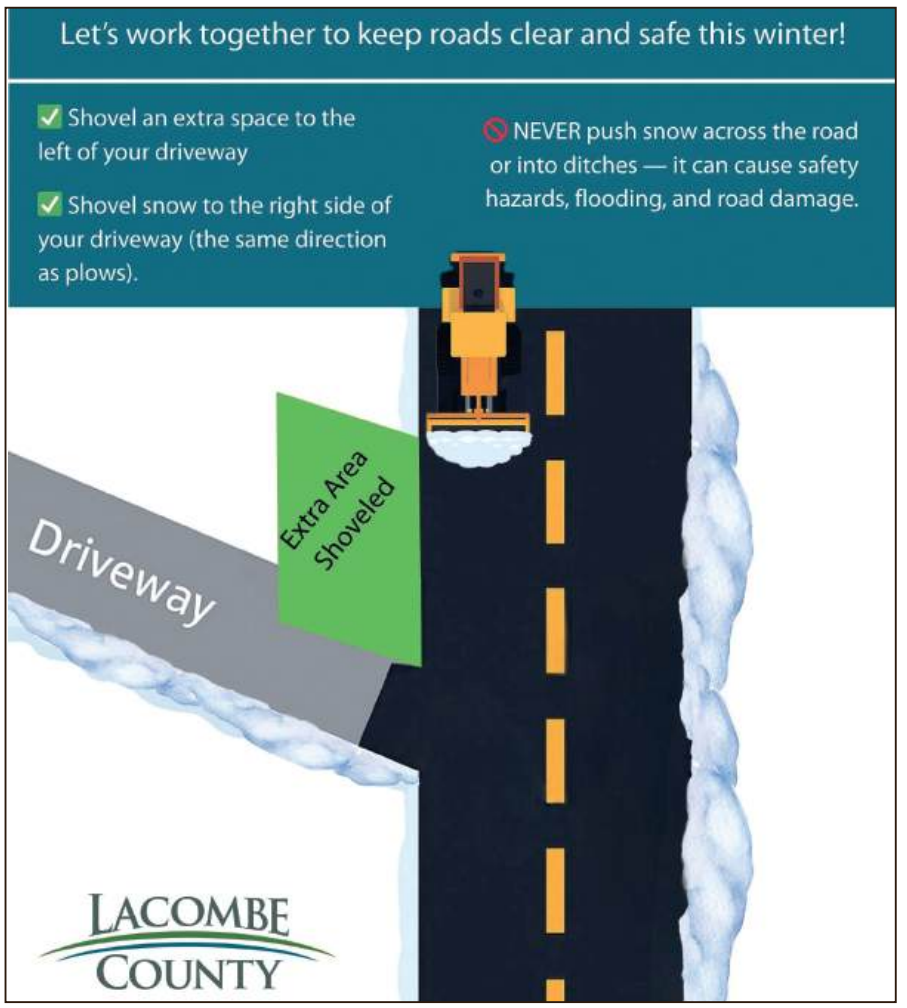
WINTER PLOWING TIPS

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

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

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

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



Did You Know?

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

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



Lacombe County Operations Director recognized with AMSA Peer Award

Lacombe County is proud to congratulate Bill Cade, Director of Operations, on receiving the 2026 Alberta Municipal Supervisors Association (AMSA) Peer Award.

The AMSA Peer Award is one of the association's highest honours. Presented annually, it recognizes a long-standing member who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the organization, contributed valuable expertise to the profession, and helped advance municipal public works across Alberta.

Recipients are nominated by their peers and selected by the AMSA Board of Directors, making the award a meaningful recognition from fellow municipal professionals. Mr. Cade received the award during the 2026 AMSA General Meeting and Conference in Edmonton, where it was presented by Brandon Maier, Lacombe County Manager of Operations and AMSA board member.

"We are incredibly proud to see Bill receive this well-deserved recognition," said Tim Timmons, County Manager. "It's especially meaningful to see his contributions recognized by his peers, who hold him in the same high regard that we do. We are fortunate to have Bill as part of our team and congratulate him on this outstanding achievement."

Mr. Cade has dedicated more than 30 years to serving Lacombe County and the municipal public works profession. Since joining the County in 1992, he has held a variety of operational and leadership roles and currently serves as Director of Operations.

An active AMSA member since 2004, Bill has contributed extensively to the organization, including serving as Zone 2 Director, Vice President and President from 2015 to 2017. He has also supported professional development initiatives and mentoring opportunities that have helped strengthen leadership and expertise within Alberta's municipal sector.

Throughout his career, Bill has been known for his collaborative approach, willingness to share knowledge and commitment to supporting the success of others. His leadership and expertise have had a lasting impact both within Lacombe County and across municipalities throughout Alberta.

Congratulations, Bill, on this well-deserved recognition and thank you for your continued leadership and service to Lacombe County and Alberta's municipal public works community.



ENVIRONMENT

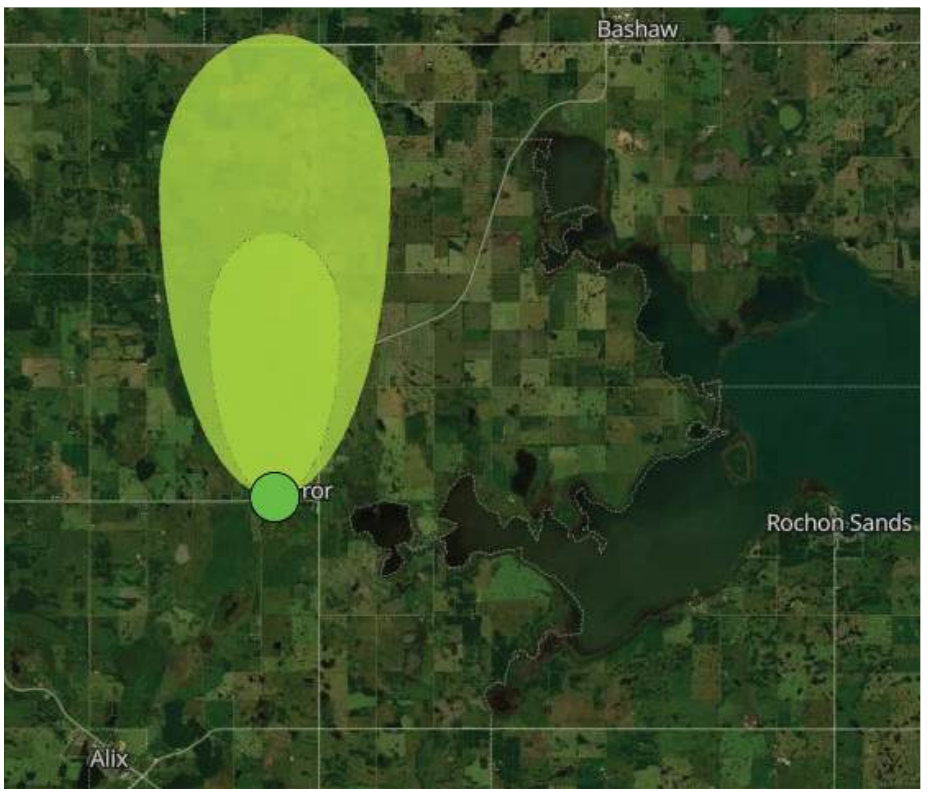
Wildlife Tracking System set up at Mirror shop

Lacombe County is pleased to announce a partnership with Birds Canada that supported the addition of a Motus Wildlife Tracking System to the Mirror shop. Lacombe County, as the host organization, consented to the use of existing tower infrastructure for the installation of antennas.

A Motus Wildlife Tracking System is composed of an automated radio receiver designed to track small flying animals, such as birds and bats, that have been outfitted with specialized radio-transmitting tags. If a tagged animal flies past the detection range of a Motus station, the location will be recorded and logged. The Motus station at Mirror has a maximum detection range of over 13 km. Over 2000 Motus stations are located across North and South America, allowing animals to be tracked over vast distances as they migrate or move across the landscape. A growing number of stations across western Canada have been supported by Birds Canada, including a station at the Ellis Nature Centre.



Motus data is publicly available, and stations can be viewed at: motus.org



Lacombe County releases State of the Environment Report

Lacombe County is pleased to announce the completion and release of its newest State of the Environment Report, a comprehensive five-year summary of environmental conditions, trends, initiatives, and stewardship efforts across the County from 2020 to 2025.

The report serves as an important tool for tracking environmental conditions and evaluating progress on the priorities identified in Lacombe County's Environmental Management Plan, including energy efficiency, waste reduction, land stewardship, water quality and security, and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

"This report highlights the meaningful work being done to protect and enhance the environment while supporting a strong and vibrant rural community," said Jordan Nakonechny, Environmental Coordinator with Lacombe County. "It showcases not only the environmental challenges we face, but also the many projects, partnerships, and stewardship efforts helping to build resilience and sustainability across the County."

The five-year report highlights a number of environmental achievements and initiatives, including:

- Expansion of solar installations at County facilities, with the Tees and Rainy Creek Shops now generating enough electricity to offset 100 per cent of their annual consumption.
- Continued enhancement and monitoring of the Crooker Wetland, a former aggregate pit reclaimed into a functioning wetland ecosystem.
- Ongoing support for environmental stewardship through programs such as the Resident Environmental Sustainability Program and Environmental Stewardship Award.
- The opening and stewardship of Burns Nature Park on Sylvan Lake.
- Monitoring and reporting on the health of local lakes, rivers, wetlands, wildlife, and biodiversity.

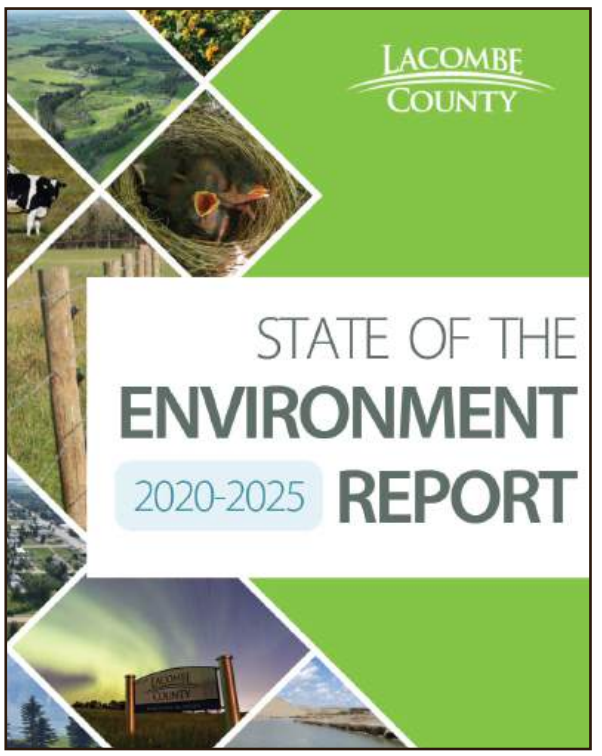
The report also examines broader environmental trends impacting the region, including drought conditions, water quality, riparian health, biodiversity, invasive species, and the projected effects of climate change. Through scientific data and local context, the report provides residents with an accessible overview of the environmental factors shaping Lacombe County today and into the future.

"Environmental stewardship is a shared responsibility and a key part of preserving the quality of life enjoyed by generations of residents. This report highlights both the progress being made and the opportunities ahead as we continue working together to care for the land, water, and natural resources that define Lacombe County," said Lacombe County Reeve John Ireland.

Originally published annually beginning in 2013, the State of the Environment Report now follows a five-year reporting cycle, allowing for a more comprehensive review of environmental policies, programs, activities, and outcomes. The report demonstrates Lacombe County's continued commitment to transparency, accountability, and environmental stewardship.

Residents, landowners, community groups, and anyone interested in the environmental health of Lacombe County are encouraged to explore the report online and learn more about the initiatives helping protect local natural resources for future generations.

You can read the full State of the Environment Report at www.lacombecounty.com/SOE.



Enhanced recycling changes at LRWSC recycling sites and the Hamlet of Mirror

Recycling is becoming easier for residents across Lacombe County.

Alberta's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program in now in place, bringing enhancements to recycling services throughout the province. The new system, managed by Circular Materials, is designed to make recycling more convenient, improve recovery rates, and ensure more materials are reused through Alberta's growing circular economy.

Under the EPR framework, the cost of recycling programs is funded by producers, including the companies that supply packaging and paper products to consumers, rather than municipalities and taxpayers.

EASIER RECYCLING AT COUNTY DEPOTS

Residents who use Lacombe County recycling depots will benefit from a new single-stream recycling system.

Instead of sorting recyclables by material type, residents will be able to place all accepted recyclables in the same bin. Materials will then be sorted at a specialized processing facility. This change will make depot recycling quicker, easier, and more accessible for residents.

The new program also expands the list of accepted recyclable materials, helping residents recycle more items than ever before.

County recycling depots are located at:

- Eckville Transfer Station
- Bentley Transfer Station
- Wolf Creek Recycle Centre
- (City of Lacombe)
- Alix/Mirror Transfer Station

Residents can visit LRWSC.ca or Circular Materials' website (www.circularmaterials.ca) for a complete list of accepted materials and recycling information.

NEW CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE FOR MIRROR RESIDENTS

In addition to the changes happening at County recycling depots, residents of the Hamlet of Mirror will see a significant enhancement to their recycling service.

Starting October 13, 2026, households in Mirror that currently receive curbside garbage collection will begin receiving bi-weekly curbside recycling service through Circular Materials. As part of this transition, eligible households will receive a new 360-litre recycling cart that will be used for recycling collection.

Recycling collection will occur every second Tuesday, and residents can use the same single-stream recycling system, placing accepted recyclable materials in one cart.

Residents should note that there will be no changes to regular curbside garbage collection schedules or service levels.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The new curbside recycling carts and collection service apply only to residents of the Hamlet of Mirror. Other County residents are not affected by this curbside service change and should continue to use their local recycling depots.



WHY RECYCLE?

Every item recycled helps conserve natural resources, reduce waste, and support the creation of new products and packaging. By participating in Alberta's enhanced recycling system, residents are helping divert more materials from landfills and contributing to a more sustainable future.

For more information about accepted materials and recycling services, visit:

- www.circularmaterials.ca/Mirror
- www.LRWSC.ca



By recycling, you make a difference. Your recyclables – once collected, sorted and processed – can be used again and again, coming back into your home as another product or packaging!

By recycling, you help protect our environment and conserve our planet's natural resources.

LRWSC

New Disposal Fees | January 1, 2027

Please be advised that as of **January 1, 2027** the Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission will be increasing the disposal fees from $45.00/MT to $50.00/MT for Dry Rubble, Metal, Concrete & Wood due to increasing costs.

Please note: Fees for the disposal of White Goods, Shingles and Mattresses will remain the same.

Starting January 1st , 2027 the new pricing will be as follows:

All Commercial Waste – Minimum Charge $25.00

- Dry Rubble, Metal, Concrete & Wood loads up to 499 kg. - $25.00
- Dry Rubble, Metal, Concrete & Wood loads 500 kg. - 1000 kg. - $50.00
- Dry Rubble, Metal, Concrete & Wood loads over 1000 kg. - $50.00/MT
- Clean Wood Chips and Clean Fill - $25.00 per load

All Residential Waste

- Dry Rubble, Metal, Concrete & Wood loads up to 499 kg. – No Charge
- Dry Rubble, Metal, Concrete & Wood loads 500 kg. – 1000 kg. - $50.00
- Dry Rubble, Metal, Concrete & Wood loads over 1000 kg. - $50.00/MT
- Clean Wood Chips and Clean Fill – No Charge

We value your business and appreciate your support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission.

CHECK IT OUT:

Medicine River Watershed Society website

The Medicine River Watershed Society advocates for the health of both the Medicine River and the related Paskapoo aquifer. If you would like to learn more about the watershed society activities / advocacy and how you can help, please scan this QR code, which will take you to the Medicine River Watershed Society website or visit them at https://medicineriverwatershed.ca/.



TAKE ACTION ON RADON

LACOMBE COUNTY, AB

100 Radon Test Kit Challenge



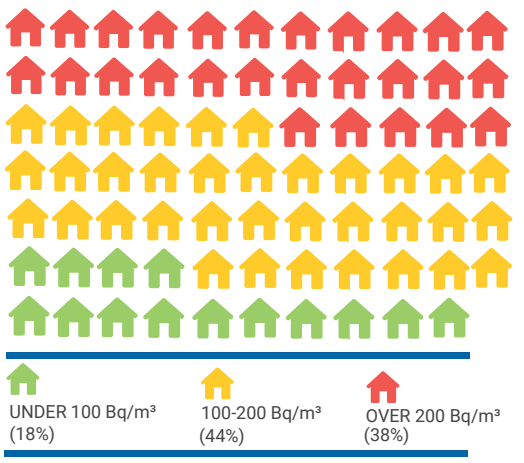
76 HOMES

participated by testing for radon gas during the winter of 2023 using 91-day alpha track tests. This represents approximately 2% of the community dwellings.

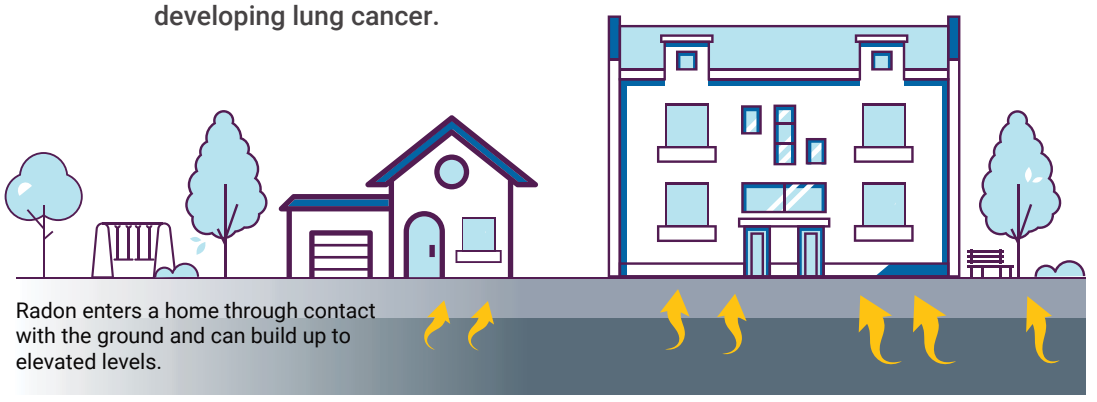
38% of homes tested above Health Canada's guideline of 200 Bq/m³

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the ground.

Exposure to elevated levels of radon is linked to increased chances of developing lung cancer.



Levels can vary between neighbouring houses. The only way to know your radon level is to test.



Radon enters a home through contact with the ground and can build up to elevated levels.

Fall is the best time to test for radon

As the weather cools and we begin closing up our homes for the season, now is the perfect time to test for radon.

WHAT IS RADON?

Radon is a colourless, odourless, radioactive gas that comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. It can enter homes through cracks in foundations, sump pumps, drains, and other openings. Because it is invisible and has no smell, the only way to know if your home has radon is to test for it.

WHY TEST IN FALL AND WINTER?

When our windows and doors are closed, radon is more likely to accumulate indoors. This makes the cooler months the most accurate time to test. Health Canada recommends testing for a minimum of three months between October and April.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Long-term exposure to high levels of radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in Canada after smoking. Testing your home is simple, inexpensive, and could protect your family's health.

HOW TO TEST:

- Purchase a do-it-yourself test kit (available online or at many hardware stores).
- Consider hiring a certified radon professional.

If high levels are found, mitigation systems are available and effective.

Protect your family this fall—make radon testing part of your seasonal routine.

For more information on radon and testing options, visit Health Canada's Radon webpage, or check out Alberta Lung Association or the Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (CARST).

AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program resumes this fall

Since 2019, Lacombe County has partnered with Cleanfarms to provide producers with a convenient way to recycle agricultural plastics. Each year, the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program resumes in the fall, with collection running from October through April.

This program is part of Lacombe County's commitment to helping farmers manage plastics responsibly, while keeping agricultural operations efficient and sustainable.

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

In Lacombe County, the program currently accepts two types of agricultural plastics:

- **Grain Bags** – Collected directly from farms
- **Twine** – Collected through drop-off recycling bags

Not accepted: Net wrap/netting, bale wrap, or silage wrap.

GRAIN BAG RECYCLING

When: October through April
Where: On-farm pickup (must be scheduled)

How it works: Grain bags must be rolled, clean, and free of mud, grain, debris, or vermin. Producers are responsible for assisting during pickup.

To ensure quality standards are met, bags should be prepared and scheduled for pickup within one week of grain extraction.

TWINE RECYCLING

Free recycling bags are available at the Lacombe County Office and Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission (LRWSC) transfer stations.

- **Preparation**: Shake off excess debris, snow, and ice. Place twine in the recycling bags and tie them closed (but do not knot the twine itself).
- **Drop-off**: Full bags can be returned to LRWSC transfer sites during regular hours.

Twine that is excessively dirty may not be accepted, or tipping fees may apply.

WHY IT MATTERS

Agricultural plastics are a necessary part of modern farming, but without proper recycling they can create long-term environmental challenges. This program gives Lacombe County producers an opportunity to reduce waste, protect soil and water quality, and ensure these plastics are processed in a sustainable way.

GET INVOLVED

For more information, or to schedule grain bag collection this fall, visit lacombecounty.com or contact the Lacombe County office at 403-782-8959.





We've installed new weather stations at Tees, Rainy Creek, and the Public Works Shops, bringing YOU real-time, local weather and wind data right where it matters most.

You can now access live updates from all three stations (plus other helpful resources) anytime on our website. It's your go-to source for accurate, up-to-the-minute conditions across Lacombe County!

This exciting upgrade is part of our 2026 Environmental Action Plan, helping our community stay informed, prepared, and connected to changing weather.

CHECK IT OUT:
lacombecounty.com/weather

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.

LACOMBE COUNTY

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

Connecting rural Alberta

Albertans in the hardest-to-reach communities can now apply for up to a $1,000 one-time rebate to help cover the cost of satellite internet.

The Alberta Satellite Rebate Program will help rural and remote households get online where ground-based broadband internet projects have not reached or are not currently underway or planned. Better internet means better access to education, health care and economic opportunities that come with being connected.

Rebate eligibility is based on federal broadband availability data, which identifies locations that lack high-speed internet and are not served by an active broadband expansion project. About 10,000 Alberta households fall into this category. For these households, satellite internet is often the most practical way to get connected.

Households that qualify for the rebate program can purchase their satellite hardware and installation while the program is open, then submit their receipts through the program's online portal to receive their rebate. Households can check their address at alberta.ca to see if they qualify and those that do not qualify for the program may be able to request a review through the online portal.

Building on the Alberta Broadband Strategy

The Alberta Satellite Rebate Program is part of the Alberta Broadband Strategy, which is bringing high-speed internet to every household in the province. Alberta's government and the federal government have together committed $755 million to expand connectivity, with projects underway across the province.

Some households are in areas with low population density or challenging terrain, where satellite is the only current way to get them connected. The rebate program builds on the success of the Alberta Broadband Strategy by supporting these households directly.

Quick facts

- The rebate covers up to $1,000 for satellite internet hardware, installation and applicable taxes.
- About 10,000 Alberta households are located outside the reach of current broadband expansion projects.
- Applications will be accepted through the program portal until March 31, 2027.
- Purchases made between Aug. 11, 2026, and March 31, 2027, from an authorized vendor are eligible for the rebate.
- High-speed internet access supports up to $1.7 billion in annual GDP growth for Alberta through improved household and business connectivity.



Lacombe County reminds you to burn safely all year round

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

FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

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

- **Check the Weather:** Always monitor the forecast. Avoid burning on windy days, as gusts can quickly escalate a small fire into a wildfire.
- **Clear a Safe Zone**: Create a 10-foot safe area around your burn site, free from flammable materials like dry grass or leaves.
- **Have Equipment Ready:** Keep a hose, water source, and fire-control tools on hand, and never leave a fire unattended.
- **No Household Garbage:** Only burn clean, dry wood or vegetation. Never burn household garbage, plastics, or chemicals.
- **Keep it Small:** Maintain a manageable fire size to stay in control.
- **Responsible Supervision:** An adult should oversee the fire at all times, and everyone present should know how to dial 911 in an emergency.
- **Respect Neighbours:** Be mindful of smoke and embers, which can disturb nearby properties.

IMPORTANT REGULATIONS:

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

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

FOREST AND PRAIRIE PROTECTION ACT REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

- Burning must not create physical discomfort to neighbours and impair visibility on roadways.
- There shall be a minimum 15-meter guard cleared of flammable materials around the debris pile.
- Before windrows or piles of brush or debris can be burned:
  - Where the debris is a result of land clearing, debris windrows can be no longer than 60 meters in length with 8-meter breaks between each 60-meter windrow.
  - No windrow can be closer than 25 meters to uncleared land or standing hazardous fuels.
  - They must be separated from parallel windrows by **at least 15 meters.**

PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Only certain materials are permitted for open burning:

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

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

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

LACOMBE COUNTY

TAX SALE

November 27, 2026

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Lacombe County will offer for sale, by public auction, in the County Office at 40403 Range Road 274 Lacombe County, Alberta on **Friday, November 27, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.,** the following lands:

Lot(s)	Block	Plan	Certificate of Title
17, 18	17	7159AI	*COT 182241914*
3	1	2020667	*COT 202058008+1*
5-7	11	7159AI	*COT 042009808*
8	11	7159AI	*COT 042009808+1*
1	2	0625813	*COT 062432942*

Quarter Section	Size	Certificate of Title
NW 12 41 2 5	33.58 Acres	*COT 212208478*
NW 23 41 23 4	157.74 Acres	*COT 002312560*
SW 23 41 23 4	157.5 Acres	*COT 002312560*

Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid, and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

The lands being offered for sale are on an "as is, where is" basis and Lacombe County makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contaminations, or the developability of the subject land for any intended use by the purchaser. No bid will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms and conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by Lacombe County.

The lands may be occupied and are offered for sale subject to the existing tenancy.

TERMS: Cash or Bank Draft. Deposit of 10% and balance due at closing.

Lacombe County may, after the public auction, become the owner of any parcel of land that is not sold at the public auction.

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

DATED at Lacombe, Alberta, September 20, 2026

TIM TIMMONS
County Manager
Lacombe County

FREE Tree Planting Program

Apply for trees to improve your land through TELUS Environment

TELUS Environment is offering fully funded tree planting services for landowners with 1 hectare (approximately 2,000 trees) or more.



✅ Improve land health and resilience
✅ Create wildlife habitat
✅ Reduce wind erosion
✅ Support carbon sequestration
✅ Enhance property beauty and value

Scan here to apply

Sign up, and Telus Environment will handle everything—from custom design and sourcing to planting and long-term monitoring—**at no cost to you**.

TO APPLY: Complete the intake form (scan the QR Code or visit the link in the caption)

For more information, please contact:
Tim Dottridge
tim@shaktitrees.com
Website: https://shaktitrees.com/

TELUS Environment

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SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

LACOMBE COUNTY
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.

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October 1, 2026 to October 31, 2026

Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision
1	140/26	Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 202 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	1276ft² park model with covered back deck	Approved
2	141/26	Ken & Beth Thola	Lot 4 Block 2 Plan 082 8146 (Silver Springs, Sylvan Lake)	420ft² seacan addition to 880ft² accessory building	Approved
3	142/26	Daryl & Lynda Hand	Lot E Block 1 Plan 762 0348 (SW 14-40-27-W4M)	Recreation Facilities, Outdoor *Renewal, Hands Off Zoom Park*	Approved
4	143/26	Alfred & Linda Hebert	SW 01-38-25-W4M	Dwelling	Pending
5	144/26	Chelsea Klinck	Lots 6 & 7 Block 35 Plan 7159AI (Hamlet of Mirror)	Moved-in Residence, Other	Approved
6	145/26	Kevin & Shelley Kashuba	Pt. SW 05-40-26-W4M	Home Based Business, Major *Renewal, Barbenders Ltd.*	Approved
7	146/26	1512040 Alberta Ltd. DBA Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 184 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RVR Resort)	Cottage Model and Covered Deck	Approved
8	147/26	David Jamieson	Pt. SE 28-39-01-W5M	Riding and Boarding Facility *Renewal*	Pending
9	148/26	Janet Boyd	Pt. SW 14-41-28-W4M	Freestanding Sign *Wilson's Beach Community*	Approved
10	149/26	Renee Smith	Lot 7 Block 18 Plan 7159AI (Hamlet of Mirror)	Eating and Drinking Establishment Ice Cream Shop	Pending
11	150/26	Roy & Christina Sturgeon	Pt. NW 10-41-26-W4M	Riding and Boarding Facility *Renewal, Flying Cross Ranch*	Approved
12	151/26	Colbray Homes Ltd.	Pt. NE 35-39-03-W5M	Dwelling, First *Replacement Residence*	Approved

Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision
13	S-022-26	Wane & Lois Duckett	SW 13-41-27-W4M	Agricultural *Duckett Tree Farm*	Pending
14	S-023-26	Herman Scholing	SE 05-41-26-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Pending



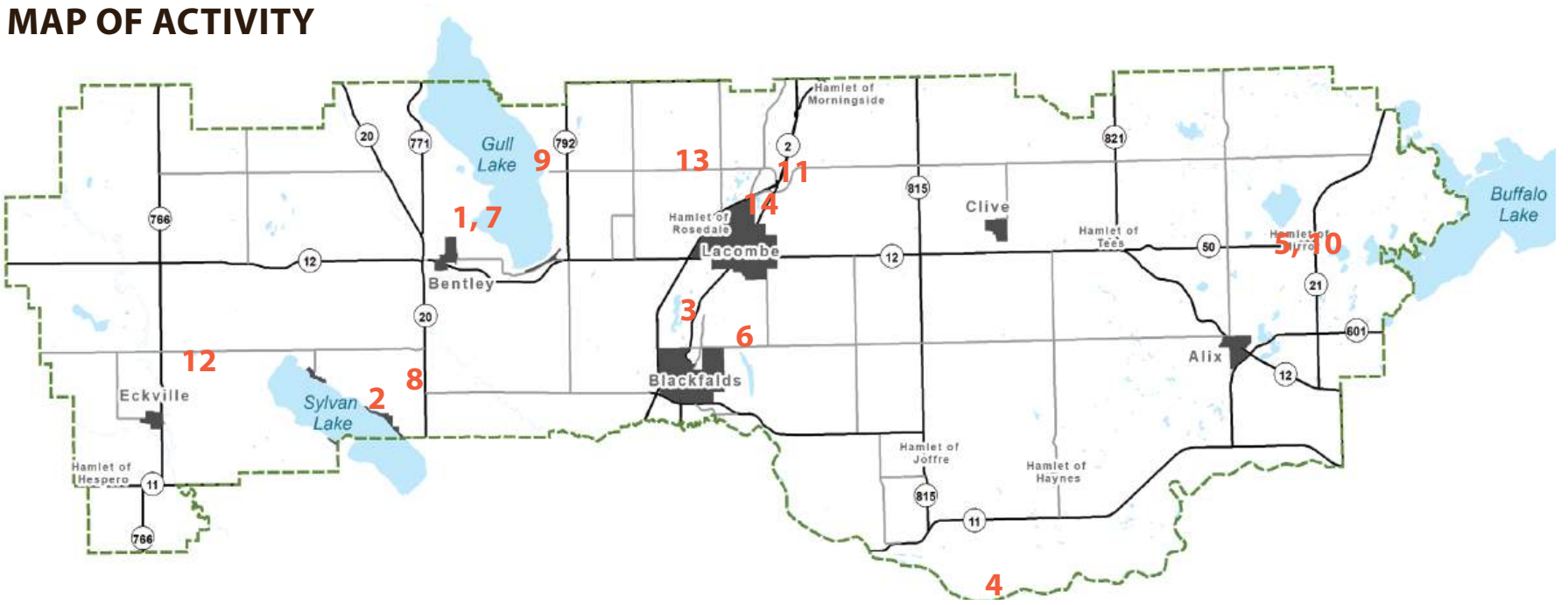
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MAP OF ACTIVITY



November is sweater weather!

Ellis Nature Centre

Now that we are closed to the public and winterized for the season it's time to embrace the heavy knits, wool socks, and the chill in the air before December hits.

Our purple Martin condos have been lowered and wrapped up all cozy like for the season. Snow is on the ground, and boots are recommended for our Friends of Ellis when you visit during our off season.

2027 Calendars featuring photo's by Jenna Joly and Del Spenst!!

Order your new 2027 calendar via email or over the phone for pick up or delivery at info@ellisnaturecentre.ca

- Each calendar comes at a cost of $25.99 (shipping costs of $5.99 not included)
- Free delivery for local orders in Red Deer, Blackfalds, & Lacombe!!



Photos in our calendars are by Jenna Joly & Del Spenst, our generous photographer friends who have contributed to this collection of photos taken at our Nature Centre & along our Bluebird trail!!

UPDATES

Missing Ellis already? No problem, give us a call if you want to book an event here outside or inside during our off season or if you are a Friend of Ellis you can call us or email us anytime and we can schedule a time when staff are on site for you to come and enjoy the site, walking, hiking, or snow shoeing. We have lots of birds that stick around all winter for you to photograph, study, or simply enjoy being in their presence for a bit.

Although we do not have any events in November that we host, our site and facilities are still available for rental so give us a call if you would like to hold an event here during our off-season.

Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING

to update the Town of Ecville/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan

Town of Eckville

Lacombe County

BYLAW NO. 1468/26

Lacombe County is proposing updates to the Town of Eckville/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan.

First Reading to Bylaw 1468/26 was given on November 12, 2026, by Lacombe County Council.

WHAT IS A PUBLIC HEARING?

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

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



PLAN AREA

WHEN IS THE PUBLIC HEARING?

Thursday, December 10

9:00 AM

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

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

1 Attend and speak in person

Lacombe County Office, Council Chambers

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

2 Attend and speak virtually

Join by Zoom or by Phone

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

3 Provide written comments

If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing but want to provide input, please send your comments to Planning Services prior to Thursday, December 10, 2026. Your comments can be sent by:

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

Written submissions received 10 calendar days before the Public Hearing date will be included in Council's Agenda Package. Written submissions received after the deadline, but before the close of the Public Hearing, will be distributed to Council on the day of the Public Hearing.

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

For more information contact Planning Services
Will Cebuliak, Planner/Development Officer
403-782-8389 or planning@lacombecounty.com

or learn more at
www.lacombecounty.com/EckvilleIDP

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING BUSINESS IN LACOMBE COUNTY



A Place to Fly: The Story of Lacombe Regional Airport

In 1962, eight local farmers wanted to fly, but there was no airport. They formed the Lacombe Flying Club and bought a parcel of land about a mile and a half north of Lacombe. The Town of Lacombe bought the adjacent piece of land. The Club then transferred ownership of its land to the Town, which agreed to help the Club develop an airport. Over the years, Lacombe grew around the airport, which is now in the northeast corner of the City.

Today, the City of Lacombe owns the Lacombe Regional Airport, and the Lacombe Flying Club operates it with additional contributions from Lacombe County, in accordance with a partnership formed in 2017. Under this agreement, the airport's operating costs are covered by the City of Lacombe, the Lacombe Flying Club and Lacombe County.

Jon From, president of the Lacombe Flying Club, is one of the volunteers who helps keep the airport going. He shared its history and talked about the work members do behind the scenes. The Club has no paid staff. Volunteers take on much of the day-to-day work and routine maintenance, look after the grounds, organize events and welcome visitors. The airport would not be here without the people who continue to give their time.

The airport supports aircraft maintenance, flight training, agricultural aerial work and medical transport. Airport businesses and contractors are estimated to support six direct jobs, with broader economic activity totaling $3.9 million in output. This is a significant contribution and shows the economic importance of having an airport in our community.

The Flying Club's events give the community a chance to be part of the airport. Its Fly-In Pancake Breakfast began during the days of Bonanza Days and has continued since 1963. Today, it is held every year on the Sunday of Lacombe Days and draws crowds of 1,000 people. The Club also hosts Discover Aviation, where young people can learn about flying and experience it for themselves. The event gave approximately 250 youths a flight.

With the holiday season approaching, volunteers are preparing for Twinkle Tours. Passengers can see the Christmas lights from above on a roughly half-hour flight over Joffre, North Red Deer, Town of Blackfalds and back over the City of Lacombe. Each seat costs $80. The Lacombe Community Food Bank will receive a minimum of $50 per seat. The remaining $30 helps cover the cost of the flight. If the cost is more than $30 per seat, the Flying Club will cover the difference to ensure the Food Bank still receives its full $50. Any additional profit from the tours will also be donated to the Food Bank.

Flights are planned from December 3 to 19, weather permitting, and bookings open November 23. Each plane carries three passengers. Guests book a flight and arrive 15 minutes before departure; tours generally run Thursday to Saturday. The Flying Club also supports other organizations throughout the year with airplane and helicopter rides. To book your Twinkle Tour seat call 403-896-7175.

What began with eight farmers who wanted somewhere to fly has become part of Lacombe's history and community life. The partners help support the airport, but volunteers are the ones putting in the time to keep it operating and bring people together there. Their work makes it possible for pilots to fly, young people to discover aviation and families to take in the holiday lights from above.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LACOMBE FLYING CLUB

- **Website**: https://flylacombe.ca/
- **Phone**: 403-896-7175
- **Email**: lacombeflyingclub@outlook.com
- **Facebook**: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1034312103258543/





The Business Spotlight is coordinated and written by Kelly Fairall, Lacombe County's Economic Development Officer.

EVERY BUSINESS HAS A STORY WORTH SHARING!

Want your business to be featured?

Contact Kelly at

Email: economicdevelopment @lacombecounty.com

Phone: 403-782-8389.



LACOMBE COUNTY
SUCCESS GROWS here!

RDAR Accepting Applications for 2027-2028 OFCAF Program

RDAR is pleased to announce the opening of the On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF), with applications being accepted through RDAR's grant management system, ARGO, starting November 20, 2026.

OFCAF helps remove obstacles to the broader adoption of beneficial management practices (BMPs). Direct support for farmers falls under these target areas:

- **Cover Cropping:** activities such as fall or spring planted cover crops (intercropping) and full-season annual cover crops in a rotation. Planting cover crops protects the soil, which in turn adds nutrients that build organic matter, increase water access, and reduce soil erosion.
- **Nitrogen Management:** activities such as optimizing nitrogen use by increasing legumes in crop rotations, and utilizing manure along with other fertilizer alternatives can provide lasting benefits to soil, air, and water quality.
- **Rotational Grazing:** practices such as new fencing (including virtual fencing) and watering systems, and activities to implement low methane pastures. Rotational grazing is the practice of containing and moving livestock through pasture to allow forage plants to recover, deepen their root systems and improve soil health.

RDAR is now entering its 6th year of delivering OFCAF to producers across Alberta, and the program has become incredibly popular with operations looking to adopt the latest BMPs and improve productivity and sustainability.

The 2027-2028 OFCAF program will be very familiar to those who have previously applied for funds; however, we would like to highlight:

- **Queue opens**: 9:00 a.m. ABT, Friday, November 20, 2026, at rdar.ca/funding-opportunities/ofcaf.
- **Holding your place**: an application takes its place in the queue only when RDAR receives it complete, with all required information and supporting documents. An incomplete application does not hold a place until the missing items are received.
- **Review and decisions**: review begins in April 2027, in queue order, and continues until the available funds are allocated. Submitting an application, even an eligible one, does not guarantee funding.
- **Eligible practices**: eligibility criteria for 2027 are unchanged from 2026, with one addition: virtual fencing collars under the rotational grazing practice may now be used for sheep and goats as well as cattle.
- **Minimum project size**: projects must have a total value of at least $10,000.
- **Cost share:** OFCAF covers up to 85 per cent of eligible project costs, and the producer covers the remaining 15 per cent. For example, on a $20,000 project, OFCAF could contribute up to $17,000, and the producer would contribute $3,000.
- **Lifetime limit:** each farm may receive up to $100,000 in total over the life of OFCAF (2022 to 2028). Any OFCAF funding received since 2022 counts toward this limit.
- **Timing of costs:** only costs incurred between April 1, 2027, and March 31, 2028, are eligible. A cost is incurred when goods are received or services are provided, not when payment is made. Do not take delivery of equipment, materials, or services before April 1, 2027: those costs cannot be reimbursed, even if the project is later approved. Any spending before a fully signed agreement with RDAR is in place is at the producer's own risk.

Full 2027-2028 eligibility criteria, application guidance, and the application form are available at: rdar.ca/funding-opportunities/ofcaf

For inquiries, email ofcaf.bmp@rdar.ca or call 1-877-503-5955.

RDAR is a national delivery partner of the OFCAF program, which is funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada under the Agricultural Climate Solutions program.





PLANNING SERVICES

Compliance Reports

Frequently Asked Questions

This article aims to share information on Compliance Reports. Before you buy or sell land in Lacombe County, you have the option to request a Compliance Report from the County. A Compliance Report will help determine whether the buildings and structures on the property are in compliance with the County's Land Use Bylaw before completing a purchase.

WHAT IS A COMPLIANCE REPORT?

A Compliance Report is a document issued by the County that provides comments on the buildings and structures located on a property and identifies whether they comply with the County's Land Use Bylaw. If a building or structure is not in compliance, the report will outline the issue and reference the applicable bylaw regulations.

As part of the review, County staff typically assess matters such as building setbacks, encroachments, and whether a development permit was obtained where required. Please note that a Compliance Report does not assess every applicable Land Use Bylaw regulation, and a Real Property Report may not contain all information necessary to identify potential compliance issues.

A Compliance Report is provided for informational purposes only and is not a substitute for legal advice. If you have questions or concerns regarding compliance, you should consult a lawyer with relevant expertise.

HOW DO I GET A COMPLIANCE REPORT?

To request a Compliance Report, complete a Compliance Report Request Application Form, which can be found online or in the County office. A $100.00 application fee is required at the time of submission. As part of the application, the County requires two (2) copies of an Alberta Land Surveyors Real Property Report to be submitted. A Real Property Report is prepared by a Registered Alberta Land Surveyor and shows the location of all buildings and structures on a property, their size, as well as distances from property lines and other buildings or structures. The Real Property Report must have been prepared within the last 365 days. It is at the County's discretion to accept a Real Property Report that is older than 1 year. Lacombe County will not accept a Real Property Report more than 5 years old.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE COMPLIANCE REPORT?

There may be issues identified within your Compliance Report. Planning Services can assist you in finding remedies for the noncompliant structures or buildings. This can include completing the development permit process for previously unapproved buildings, seeking setback relaxations, or requesting a variance. Please note that setback relaxations are approved at the County's discretion and will not be granted for temporary structures. In some cases, structures may need to be removed to bring the property into compliance.

If there are no problems identified in the Compliance Report, does it mean my property is 100% compliant with the Land Use Bylaw?

Not necessarily. Lacombe County relies solely on the Real Property Report provided by the applicant and the County's current Land Use Bylaw. The County can only comment on what is shown on the Real Property Report in addition to the land title and County records. The County does not conduct its own site inspection.

Real Property Reports do not contain enough information to comment on all of the applicable regulations of the Land Use Bylaw. For example, most Real Property Reports do not state the heights of buildings, therefore, the County cannot verify whether a building meets height restrictions. Other Land Use Bylaw regulations, such as the number of animals that can be kept on a parcel in a residential district, are not building-related and therefore would not be shown on a Real Property Report.

WILL THE COUNTY'S COMPLIANCE REPORT COMMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH PROVINCIAL SAFETY CODE REGULATIONS?

No. The County's compliance report only analyzes a property for compliance with planning and development regulations, as regulated by the County's Land Use Bylaw and guided by any applicable statutory planning documents (the Municipal Development Plan, intermunicipal development plans, and area structure plans).

The Compliance Report does not identify any regulations relevant to federal, provincial, or municipal statutes, regulation or bylaw and, makes no representations about compliance with the requirements of building permits or other applicable Safety Codes Act requirements. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure compliance with any other applicable regulations.

QUESTIONS?

Planning Services is available to help you understand Compliance Reports. Staff can help clarify the process and identify the information you may need. If you have questions about getting a Compliance Report or bringing your property into compliance, please contact Planning Services at 403-782-8389 or planning@lacombecounty.com. We welcome your questions and are happy to assist.

Notice to all Lacombe County Residents: **Burn Pit Notice**

LRWSC

Please be advised that, Effective Immediately, the Burn Pits at our Eckville, Bentley, and Alix/Mirror Transfer Station will no longer accept tree trunks, stumps, or branches greater than 6 inches (15.25 cm) in diameter and longer than 8 feet (2.4 metres) in length. Please dispose of these materials at the Prentiss Landfill. **All pieces must be under 8 feet (2.4 m) long.**

- Material less than 6 inches (15.25 cm) in diameter must be less than 8 feet (2.4 metres) long to be accepted at these sites.
- Tree trunks, stumps, and branches over 6 inches in diameter must be taken to the Prentiss Landfill. All pieces must be under 8 feet (2.4 m) long.

The Burn Pits at Eckville, Bentley, and Alix/Mirror will still accept dimensional unpainted, untreated wood waste less than 8 feet (2.4 metres) in length.

Sawdust, leaves, cardboard, furniture, and plywood are not accepted at the Burn Pits and must be placed in the appropriate on-site bins. Please see the attendant for guidance on which bin you can put your material in.

Please visit www.LRWSC.ca for more information, and if you have any questions, please contact us at admin@lrwsc.ca.

The LRWSC thanks you for your cooperation.

Preventing Winter Freezing in Holding Tank ("Pumpout") Septic Systems

Did you know that a holding tank or "pumpout" septic system left unused for more than 72 hours may lose enough anaerobic bioactivity that it can no longer generate the heat needed to prevent winter freezing?

If you plan on using this type of septic system through the winter, here are some important steps to protect it from freezing.

INSULATE YOUR SYSTEM

Depth matters: Any components located less than 2.7 metres (9 feet) deep should be insulated with spray or rigid foam insulation. This insulation provides a thermal barrier between frozen and unfrozen ground (the frost line).

Rule of thumb: 1 inch of insulation equals roughly 1 foot of ground cover. Aim for a minimum of 2.7 m (9 ft) of frost protection in Alberta.

Don't forget the lid: Plastic holding tank lids should be insulated to prevent heat from escaping. Even a well-insulated tank can lose warmth through an unprotected lid. For concrete lids, professionally applied spray foam can be a very effective option.



PROTECT EXPOSED PIPING

If your system connects to a communal wastewater system, use electric heat trace around any piping, check valves, or shutoff valves located less than 2.7 m (9 ft) deep. Unlike typical rural systems, communal systems don't have a drain hole to empty pipes between pumping cycles — meaning these lines are more vulnerable to freezing.

Keep in mind that many of these components are only about 1 m (3+ ft) below the surface — within the frost zone.

WINTERIZING FOR EXTENDED ABSENCES

If you'll be away for an extended period or during the coldest months, follow these steps to protect your system:

Clean the tank: Use a garden hose and spray nozzle to rinse down the holding tank.

Pump down: Hold the float in the upright position with a long hook or pole until you can see the bottom of the pump, then lay the float back down. (A professional can do this during your annual inspection.)

Add clean water: Refill the tank enough to submerge the pump

Add antifreeze: Use potable RV antifreeze only. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the correct volume and strength.

Circulate antifreeze: Hold the float upright for a few seconds to manually run the pump, allowing antifreeze to move through the discharge piping, check valve, and service line.

Keep the pump plugged in: Do not unplug your holding tank pump while you're away. Even small or unexpected water inputs — from high-efficiency furnaces, water softener backwashes, humidifiers, or unnoticed leaks — can quickly fill or overflow a tank if the pump is disabled.

Keep the alarm active: Always leave your alarm system powered on. Many systems offer call-out or text alerts — a valuable option for quick notification if an issue arises. Contact your installer or phone provider to enable this feature

Ask someone to monitor: Have a trusted person periodically check for alarm signals or water movement in systems that haven't been fully winterized.

Avoid closed valves: Never run the pump if valves on either the intake or discharge side are closed — this can cause severe pump and piping damage.

FINAL TIP

A bit of planning before winter can save you from costly repairs later. Regular inspection, proper insulation, and the right preventative measures will help ensure your holding tank system runs smoothly all year long.

Disposing Lithium Batteries DO NOT PLACE IN TRASH!

THE RISKS OF IMPROPER LITHIUM BATTERY DISPOSAL

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

LITHIUM BATTERY FIRES

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

LRWSC

LITHIUM BATTERY TOXICITY

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

LANDFILL CONTAMINATION

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

Proper disposal of lithium batteries is vital to mitigate these risks and protect our health and environment. By responsibly recycling these batteries, we can prevent fires, reduce toxic chemical exposure, and prevent the contamination of our landfills.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING LITHIUM BATTERIES

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

One of the significant benefits of battery recycling is the recovery of valuable metals and materials. Lithium batteries contain components like cobalt, nickel, and plastic, which can be extracted and reused through recycling. While not all parts of a lithium battery are recoverable, the majority can be recycled, contributing to the conservation of valuable resources.

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

HOW TO RECYCLE LITHIUM BATTERIES PROPERLY

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

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

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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 8, 2026

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM PROPOSED BUDGET 2027

Council approved the Parkland Regional Library System's 2027 Budget.

RCMP K DIVISION COMMANDING OFFICER MEETING

Council approved a list of discussion topics to be submitted as part of Lacombe County's request for a meeting with the Commanding Officer of RCMP K Division at the Fall 2026 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Convention.

PLANNING SERVICES UPDATE

Council received the Planning Services activity update for September 2026.

NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE FEE AGREEMENT – HAMLET OF MIRROR BYLAW

Council gave second and third readings to Bylaw No. 1458/26, the Hamlet of Mirror Natural Gas Franchise Bylaw. The bylaw authorizes Lacombe County to enter into a franchise agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. for the provision of natural gas services to customers within the Hamlet of Mirror.

CENTRAL ALBERTA FIRST PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation from Ms. Sandra Blyth from Central Alberta First, who provided information on its Taking Action for Business Across Central Alberta initiative.

RED DEER REGIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

Council received a presentation from the Red Deer Regional Health Foundation highlighting their campaign to enhance cardiac care services in Central Alberta.

PRESENTATION REGARDING FIRE INVOICING

Council received a presentation from Mrs. Lorraine Lee regarding concerns related to her fire invoice. Council directed the County Manager to prepare a report and recommendation for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

ASSESSMENT 101| *What you need to know*

2026 PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

Annual Property Inspections are well underway and will be ongoing for the remainder of 2026. Lacombe County is aware of new construction and significant renovations due to development and safety codes permitting. We appreciate information provided about buildings where development and/or safety code permits were not requested.

DEMOLITIONS, REMOVALS, & CHANGES IN THE USE OF PROPERTY

A significant number of demolitions or removals of homes, garages, sheds, or any other buildings were reported to us after the 2026 property tax notices were mailed. Will you assist us in verifying a building has been removed prior to December 31 otherwise it will be assessed and reflected on your 2027 assessment and tax notice. Would you please help us in ensuring removals are reflected accurately on your property assessment by contacting an Assessor prior to December 31, 2026. Assessors leave brightly coloured 'callback' cards when visiting your property to verify property details; please contact the Assessor as requested.

A change in the use of your property may also impact the assessment and taxes levied in 2027. If you were assessed for a non-residential (commercial or industrial) use on your property last year and that use has changed or ended, please contact an Assessor so we can update your account as necessary.

REQUEST FOR COST INFORMATION

Over the past several months, Lacombe County has requested information related to various projects including validation of property transfers, re inspections, and vacancy/occupancy confirmation.

Requests for information regarding potentially assessable machinery and equipment and/or new construction were mailed October 23, 2026. Your response must be returned to us prior to December 23, 2026, or your ability to have an assessment complaint heard by a review board may be affected. Lacombe County attempts delivery of these via email and forwards the hard copies via Canada post. If you are a non-residential property owner and have not received an email and have added new (or replaced) improvements to your property, will you please respond with the information requested. If you have received a request and require clarification on how to be compliant or what you are being asked to remit, please contact an Assessor – one of us will be happy help you. A fillable Cost RFI Response form may be found at: https://media-003-ca.cdn.govstack.com/lacombecounty-018-ca/media/5mnbqj0j/2026ay_rfi-cost-chart-fillable.pdf along with fillable forms for other requests we make throughout the year.

FARM STATUS (SMALLER PARCELS) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

When preparing your assessment an Assessor must classify all or part of the property as one of four assessment classes. These classes are defined by the actual usage of the property as stated in the Municipal Government Act. This classification does NOT impact the allowable uses described by the land use designation assigned to your property under the Land Use Bylaw Terms are defined differently for assessment purposes versus planning purposes. While farming operations continue to occur regularly on larger parcels smaller parcels are increasingly being used for only residential or non-residential purposes with limited or no farming activity. On October 28, 2026, Lacombe County Assessment department mailed a Request for Information to some property owners so we may collect the information we need to properly classify these properties for assessment purposes. We appreciate the time and contribution of those owners who have already contacted us to have a conversation and participate in preparing their property assessment. Would you please assist us in returning the requested information before the end of the year so the accounts may be updated accurately. We will contact you to provide more information if it is necessary after an Assessor reviews your response.

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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 22, 2026

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NOTES

Council approved various recommendations from the October 6, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting, including:

• Directing the County Manager to prepare reports regarding the Abma Gravel Pit reclamation, SDAB/ARB board appointments, a Council engagement strategy, and playground funding provisions.

• Approving the New Pavement Plan Priority List and requesting cost estimates for top-priority projects.

• Approving amendments to multiple County policies.

• Receiving several presentations and discussions for information, including:

- The New Pavement Plan presentation;
- The Public Hearing Procedures presentation;
- The Review of Public Engagement in Council Agenda Items presentation;
- The Borouge International and Lacombe County presentations; and
- The Coffee with Council discussion.

LACOMBE COUNTY 2026 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION (COR) RECERTIFICATION AUDIT

Council received the results of Lacombe County's 2026 Certificate of Recognition (COR) recertification audit conducted under the Partnerships in Injury Reduction (PIR) Program.

FIVE-YEAR RECREATION CAPITAL PLAN

Council approved the Five-Year Recreation Capital Plan for 2027-2031, which outlines proposed recreation capital projects over the next five years.

2027 COMMUNITY SERVICES CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Council approved the proposed 2027 Community Services capital equipment purchases at an estimated cost of $312,500, to be funded through the Fleet and Equipment Reserve. Council also authorized the County Manager to proceed with tendering and awarding the capital purchases, as well as the disposal or transfer of used equipment.

PRESENTATION REGARDING CONCERNS RELATED TO BYLAW NO. 1398/23

Council received a presentation from Ms. Haley Attema regarding concerns related to Bylaw No. 1398/23, the Parks and Reserves Management Bylaw, specifically regarding the prohibition of equestrian activities on County-owned lands. Council directed the County Manager to prepare a report and recommendation for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

FOODCYCLER PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Council received an update on the FoodCycler Program, including the results of the 2025 pilot program and the 2026 expansion.

2027 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS) FUNDING ALLOCATION

Council approved the allocation of an additional $102,070 in 2027 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) project funding to the following community group agencies:

Alix Family and Community Support Society	$1,500
Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society	$18,355
Bentley Community Services	$13,690
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lacombe and District	$6,000
Blackfalds Abbey Centre Camp Curious	$4,000
Blackfalds FCSS – Seniors Programs	$4,000
BGC Wolf Creek Lacombe	$2,500
Eckville Recreation Board – Summer Camp	$2,000
Eckville and Community Youth Society	$2,500
Eckville & Area Children's Playgroup	$2,000
Friends of Mirror Library Society	$5,400
Lacombe and District FCSS	$26,125
Lacombe FCSS (Clive FCSS, Mirror, Tees)	$4,000
Youth Unlimited Central Alberta (Youth Programming)	$6,000
Youth Unlimited Central Alberta (Young Families Programming)	$4,000

HAMLETS OF TEES & MORNINGSIDE SERVICING STUDIES PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation from Mr. Brad Vander Heyden with Stantec on the Hamlets of Tees and Morningside Water Servicing Studies and directed the County Manager to prepare a report and recommendation for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

NEW PAVEMENT PLAN POLICY UPDATE

Council approved amendments to Policy OP(45), New Paved Road Criteria, approved the updated New Pavement Plan Priority List, and directed the County Manager to prepare a report and recommendation regarding the addition of one or more new paved roads to the Five-Year Pavement Management Plan.

OPERATIONS POLICIES

Council approved amendments to various Operations policies, including:

- OP(3) Residential Community Gates
- OP(6) Dust Control
- OP(14) Sale of Road Allowances
- OP(16) Road Maintenance
- OP(23) Damage Claim Procedure
- OP(24) Urban Municipal Road Maintenance
- SW(1) Garbage Collection Services
- SW(2) Disposal of Toxic Substances
- SW(4) Recycling of Waste Materials
- AD(20) Subdivision and Road Naming

POLICY RC(1) CAPITAL SUPPORT OF RECREATION AND CULTURE FACILITIES – PLAYGROUND FUNDING AMENDMENTS

Council approved amendments to Policy RC(1), Capital Support of Recreation and Culture Facilities.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES

Council approved amendments to Policy AD(42), Council Social Media Policy and Policy AD(43), Corporate Social Media Policy.

POLICY AD(20) SUBDIVISION AND ROAD NAMING

Council approved amendments to Policy AD(20), Subdivision and Road Naming.

BYLAW 1465/26 PROCEDURES BYLAW

Council approved Bylaw 1465/26, which provides for the orderly proceedings of Council meetings and the transacting of business by the Council of Lacombe County.

ENFORCEMENT OF LANDS

Council authorized the County Manager to proceed with the enforcement of the charge on lands as provided for in the 2018 Amending Agreement between Lacombe County and Delta Land Co. Inc.

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

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, 2026
- If you missed the December 31 deadline, no worries; you can sign up in 2026 anytime before July 31. We will require you to pay the missed monthly amounts up front and then withdraw monthly payments.

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

Tax Installment
PAYMENT PLAN

Sign up TODAY for the monthly plan.

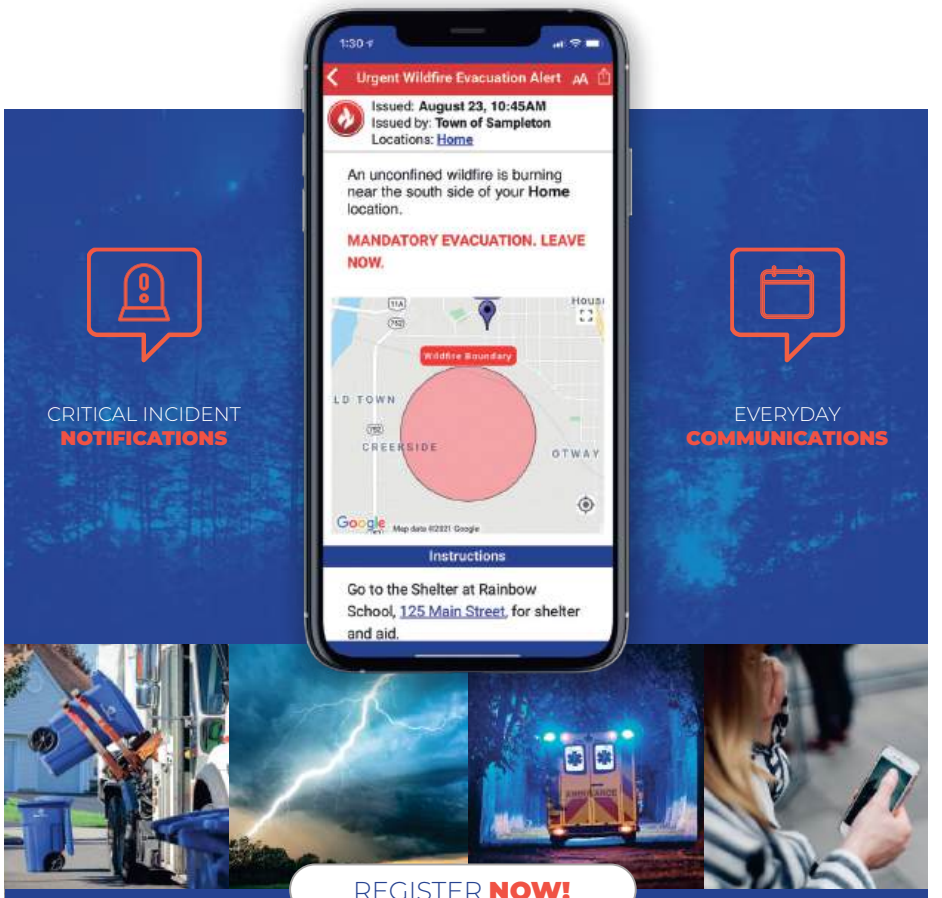
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Stop means stop: Stop signs aren't a suggestion

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

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

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

We're asking all drivers to take this seriously.

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

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



RESIDENTS OF THE MONTH

Meet Simon & Neeko and Willow

Each month in animal rescue brings new challenges, new faces and new opportunities to make a difference. Our organization has been extremely busy lately and as the days get colder we know the need for rescue support is only going to increase. With so many animals depending on us the continued support of our community is more important than ever.

This month, we are excited to feature Simon, Neeko, and Willow as our Dogs of the Month!
Simon and Neeko are an adorable bonded duo who may have completely different personalities but complement each other perfectly! They are hoping to find a loving forever home where they can continue sharing their adventures together.





Willow is a sweet, energetic girl with a big heart and an even bigger love for life! At just a year and a half old, she enjoys playing, exploring, and spending time outdoors. Her fun-loving personality and affectionate nature make her a wonderful companion for someone looking for a loyal adventure buddy.

You can learn more about them and our other adoptable animals by visiting our Facebook page or website.

We also have some exciting things coming up! Be sure to keep an eye on our social media pages for details about our upcoming Gift of Flight Raffle, information on how to get your tickets to our COUNTDOWN FOR A CAUSE New Year's Eve fundraiser, and other exciting announcements! These events are a wonderful way to get involved, have some fun and support the animals in our care.

As we head into the colder months, every bit of support makes a difference. Whether it's through adopting, fostering, volunteering, donating, or participating in our fundraising events, you are helping us continue to provide care and second chances to animals in need.

If you are interested in making a one-time donation or becoming a monthly donor, please visit: https://www.savinggracecanada.com/donate
Thank you for being part of our rescue community and helping us give animals a second chance!

403-785-7427 www.savinggracecanada.com Alix, Alberta

CN Police want you to stay safe this winter

No matter where you live, chances are you will face some challenging driving conditions in the months ahead. Freezing rain, snow, sleet and whiteouts can make winter driving downright dangerous.
In fact, according to the Transportation Safety Board, there's a spike in railway crossing incidents during the winter months. This is due to many factors, including:
•
Ice and snow making it harder for drivers to stop and manoeuvre their vehicles;
•
Snowy roads that hide pavement markings;
•
Blowing snow, fog, and sleet that reduce visibility;
•
Snowbanks and snow in trees reducing sight lines;
Reducing the likelihood of being in a serious car accident in winter starts with proper planning and knowing your rail-safety basics. Following these simple tips can help keep you safe when you encounter train tracks this winter:
Plan ahead and check the weather forecast before travelling—not only for your current location, but also for your final destination. If conditions deteriorate while you're on the road, stop at the nearest town or rest area and wait until it's safe to continue driving.
Reduce your speed when road conditions are poor. Always slow down well in advance of a railway crossing. The more time you have to react, the better chance you have of avoiding a collision.
Avoid distractions when approaching railway crossings turn off your radio and heating fans so you can listen for trains. Reduced visibility and sounds from a storm can make it more difficult to see and hear if a train is coming. Roll down your window—especially if it's frosty or foggy—and look both ways before crossing the tracks.
Look for railway warning signs and signals snow may cover train tracks at a crossing, making them look like the road. Look for warning signs and other indications that there is a railway crossing ahead so you can prepare to stop, especially when driving at night.
Use winter tires they have treads designed to grip ice and snow, so you will be less likely to slide on the road or into the side of a train. All-season tires can begin to lose their traction when the temperature drops below 7°C.
Don't drive impaired, alcohol and drugs such as marijuana reduce your ability to pay attention, react quickly and make safe driving choices.
Remember "any time is train time". Be rail-smart this winter: Look. Listen. Live.
A CN Police Service Officer is available to provide additional safety information as well as in-person presentations to your staff. To contact a CN Police Service officer or request a safety presentation please contact the CN tip line: cnpolicetipline@cn.ca

LACOMBE FOUNDATION

COMPETITION # TBG 3402

FACILITY: Eckville Manor House **DEPARTMENT:** Lodges

TITLE: Lodge Manager **STATUS:** 1.0 FTE – Permanent

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Lodge Manager is accountable for the overall operations, including the management of staff, material and financial resources. Essential to this role is the use of successful leadership skills in the interactions with residents, families, staff and all team members. The Lodge Manager is responsible for all concerns relating to financial, budgetary, service and program issues, and is knowledgeable about and compliant with, the facility's existing policies and procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum 5 years' work experience in a seniors or hospitality industry preferred
- Extensive management and administrative experience
- Related post-secondary education
- LPN certification or equivalent
- Basic First Aid
- WHMIS Training
- Valid Driver's License

REQUIREMENTS:

- Demonstrates leadership in site administration and management including staffing, programs, WH&S, Quality Control, Procurement
- Strong management skills and effective communication skills are essential
- Ability to organize and prioritize responsibilities
- Fosters strong resident and stakeholder relations
- Budget development, approval and control
- Maintains accurate records
- Understands and adheres to applicable legislation and labor relations involvement
- Ability to relate to and work well with seniors, assisting residents in meeting their personal needs
- Ensures day-to-day operation of lodge through independent decision making
- Administering Performance Management, attendance management, and progressive disciplinary process
- Performs tasks in confidential and professional manner
- Other duties as assigned

PAY RATE: As per MOS Terms and Conditions, Lacombe Foundation

DATE POSTED: February 25, 2026

CLOSING DATE: March 4, 2026 or position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found

Must be 18yrs of age or older to apply for this position, please email your resume to resumes@bethanygrp.ca
The competition # must be included in the subject line to be considered for the position.

The Bethany Group requires all health positions to submit their immunization status and vaccination history upon hire.

In compliance with The Protection for Persons in Care Act, successful candidates must provide a valid Criminal Record Check (current within 90 days) before employment can be confirmed.

We sincerely thank all candidates for their application; however only those selected for interview will be contacted.



Community Names New Ice Resurfacer "Frost & Furious"

The City of Lacombe is pleased to announce that its new Olympia ice resurfacer has officially been named Frost & Furious following a community-wide naming contest.

Earlier this year, residents were invited to submit names for the ice resurfacer at the Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex, generating more than 374 suggestions. Following a review of submissions, finalists advanced to a public vote, where more than 147 votes were cast and Frost & Furious received 30% of the vote to emerge as the community favourite.

The winning name was submitted by five residents. In accordance with the contest rules, Michelle Robinson was randomly selected from the eligible entries to receive the grand prize during a public unveiling event held in Echo Energy Arena 1 on October 17.

"The response to this contest speaks to the pride residents have in our community and recreation facilities," said Mayor Thalia Hibbs. "With hundreds of name submissions and strong participation in the final vote, residents helped choose a creative and memorable name for an important piece of equipment that serves arena users year-round. Thank you to everyone who took part in helping bring Frost & Furious to life."

Purchased through a partnership between the City of Lacombe and Lacombe County, the ice resurfacer plays an important role in maintaining safe, high-quality ice conditions for athletes, recreational users, and community groups throughout the year.

"Lacombe County is proud to partner with the City of Lacombe on investments that support recreation and community well-being," said Lacombe County Reeve John Ireland. "It's been exciting to see residents engage with this project, and we're pleased to help support facilities and amenities that serve families, athletes, and community groups for years to come."

From clever puns to imaginative local references, the contest showcased the creativity and community spirit of residents of all ages. The City of Lacombe thanks everyone who submitted a name or cast a vote, helping make the contest a success.

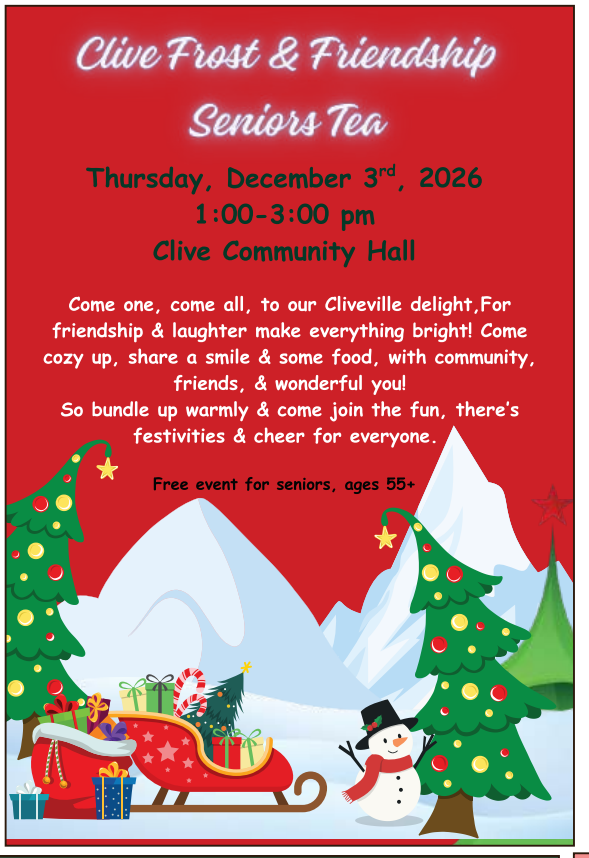


Michelle Robinson receives the grand prize after being selected in a random draw from the five residents who submitted the winning name, Frost & Furious.

(From left: Thalia Hibbs, Mayor of Lacombe and Michelle Robinson, Grand Prize Winner)

HOLIDAY EVENTS & PROGRAMS











Lacombe Community Christmas Dinner

Join us as we come together to celebrate the season with a warm, festive Christmas dinner.
Free and open to everyone in our community & surrounding area.

Location
Lacombe Memorial Centre, 5214 50 Ave.

Date & Time
Christmas Day
Doors open at 11:30 AM
Dinner at 12:30 PM

All Welcome
325 Seats Available
Come for the food, stay for the fellowship. Whether you're bringing your family or coming solo, there's a seat at the table for you.



Generously made possible by local Lacombe businesses and caring community members who believe in the power of sharing and giving back.

We look forward to seeing you!

village of Clive

FROSTFEST 2026 – VILLAGE OF CLIVE!

December 1-5, 2026

Join us in Clive for five days of festive fun, community spirit, and holiday cheer!

Enjoy family-friendly activities throughout the week, including Christmas craft sale, free family skate, Frost & Friendship Seniors Tea, BINGO, special presentations, and more!

Saturday, December 5 is our MAIN EVENT DAY! Bring the family for horse-drawn wagon rides, photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus, Christmas crafts, hot chocolate, and more!

Everyone is welcome!

Visit the Village of Clive website at www.clive.ca for the full event schedule and details.

Proudly supported by Wolf Midstream, Clive Volunteer Fire Department, Clive Pharmasave and community partners FCSS, Clive Library, Clive Athletic and Agricultural Society, Clive School Parent Council, and the Elite Treasure Chest.



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LACOMBE COUNTY

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



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

Seniors (55+) Lunch & Carols

Sunday 29 November

LUNCH @ NOON - doors open at 11:45
Enjoy Carols thanks to Church Volunteers
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Registration Deadline
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Classes resume Jan 4th/26

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

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- Community connections & networking
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- Builds relationships across generations

$10 PER MONTH INCLUDES BOTH WEEKLY SESSIONS!

Everyone is welcome – all adults in the community!

Seniors Drop In – Town Office · Call 403-748-2160

Let's move, connect, and support each other – together!

AROUND THE COUNTY

MARY C. MOORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOV & DEC PROGRAMS

MORE DETAILS AT WWW.LACOMBELIBRARY.COM

MON NOV 23

MINIATURE BOOK TIN CRAFT

6PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM

COME MAKE A MINI WINTER OR CHRISTMAS THEMED BOOKSHELF INSIDE A MINT TIN! ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED.

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. $10. (CURRENTLY FULL, WAITLIST OPEN.)

TUES NOV 24

ADULT CRAFT: TREE ORNAMENTS

6:30PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM

CAME MAKE SOME BEAUTIFUL ORNAMENTS, JUST IN TIME FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. $10.

WED NOV 25

TRIVIA NIGHT

7PM | 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.

FRI NOV 27

STILL IN ACTION MOVIE NIGHT

2PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM

THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS | PG

* TICKETS REQUIRED. TICKETS FREE AT THE LIBRARY CIRCULATION DESK. SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT EVENT.

SAT NOV 28

CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING

9AM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM

COME MAKE 10 WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS CARDS TO GIVE OUT TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON! (OR TO KEEP BECAUSE THEY ARE PRETTY.)

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. $20.

TUES DEC 1

ADULT CRAFT: TREE ORNAMENTS

3PM OR 6:30PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM

CAME MAKE SOME BEAUTIFUL ORNAMENTS, JUST IN TIME FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. $10.

WED DEC 9

TEA BLENDING PROGRAM

6M | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM

COME EXPIRIMENT WITH A VARIETY OF INGREDIENTS TO MAKE YOUR OWN TEA BLENDS. KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SOCIALS FOR ANY OPENINGS.

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. $5.

FRI DEC 11

READER'S RETREAT

9PM | IN THE LIBRARY

JOIN US FOR A QUIET NIGHT OF READING AFTER HOURS IN THE LIBRARY! BRING YOUR OWN BOOK, BORROW ONE FROM THE LIBRARY, OR BRING AN AUDIOBOOK (WITH HEADPHONES).

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!

SAT DEC 12

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

9AM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM

FAMILY FUN MAKING CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND CARDS! ALL AGES WELCOME (CAREGIVERS REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!

FRI NOV 27

LORD OF THE RINGS MOVIE MARATHON

10AM - 8PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM

ENJOY A MOVIE MARATHON OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING, THE TWO TOWERS, AND THE RETURN OF THE KING IN CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FELLOW OF THE RING!

* TICKETS REQUIRED. TICKETS FREE AT THE LIBRARY CIRCULATION DESK (STARTING NOV 27). SNACKS AND PIZZA AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT EVENT.

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THE TABLE TOP ADVENTURERS' GUILD

THURSDAYS 6-8PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM

A TABLETOP ROLEPLAYING CLUB FOR AGES 13-18 (OR GRADES 7-12). PLAY AND LEARN A VARIETY OF GAMES AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME GAME MASTERS!

* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE! (CHECK WEBSITE/SOCIALS TO JOIN THE WAITLIST.)

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Join us for bookish chatter, news and updates, make suggestions, and more!

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OUR 4 ADULT BOOK CLUBS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS! (FIRST EDITION, OVERDUE, NON-FICTION, & SPECULATIVE FICTION BOOK CLUBS!)

NEW!* YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB!

NOV READ: "READY PLAYER ONE" BY ERNEST CLINE

MEETING ON NOVEMBER 30TH

MORE DETAILS AT WWW.LACOMBELIBRARY.COM

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mindbody.bliss

https://linktr.ee/MindBody.Bliss

young.natasha1989@gmail.com

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Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a globally recognized program that teaches you how to recognize when someone may be struggling with their mental health and how to offer initial support during tough times. This training empowers you to handle sensitive situations with confidence, building stronger connections and contributing to a more compassionate community.

The next training session is...

Date: November 25th, 2026

Time: 9am-4pm (MST)

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Notes:

To register: jen.sutherland@mcmancentral.ca or 587-444-1793

To learn more about Mental Health First Aid, visit openingminds.org

Opening Minds



Chris Koch – "If I Can"

INSPIRATIONAL PRESENTATION

DECEMBER 2, 2026 | CLIVE SCHOOL & CLIVE COMMUNITY HALL

Presented by the **Clive School Parent Council** and **The Elite Treasure Chest**, we are excited to welcome inspirational speaker Chris Koch to Clive!



Born and raised on a farm in Southern Alberta, Chris was born without arms or legs, but he has never let that stop him from living life to the fullest. Through his inspiring *"If I Can"* message, Chris encourages audiences to overcome challenges, embrace differences, and approach life with a positive attitude.

Two opportunities to hear Chris speak:

- **1:00 PM** – Clive School
- **7:00 PM** – Clive Community Hall

Parents, caregivers, families, and community members are welcome to attend!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES



Interested in volunteering with the Lacombe Museum?
Explore exciting opportunities and help bring local history to life.

Some current projects include:

- Digitizing our Newspaper Collection
- Reception at the Flatiron Building
- Inventory Project
- Upcoming events
  - Antique Show & Sale, Haunted House, Light Up Lacombe, etc.,
- Small projects/Maintenance

CONTACT US

BOOKINGS@LACOMBEMUSEUM.COM

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Lacombe Museum

FREE
Family Law
presentation

Wednesday, November 25th
6pm to 8pm

Online Webinar!

This presentation will help you to understand your legal rights and obligations in Separation and Divorce matters. Including:

- Matrimonial Property Division
- Child & Spousal Support
- Custody & Access
- Mediation & Court Procedures

Scan the QR Code to register for the online webinar!

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Morningside Hall News & Events

The Morningside community and Hall Board sincerely thank the Lacombe County for the Capital Support toward the massive upgrade to our water system.

Your support made this huge project possible and is much appreciated.

Watch the Facebook page for upcoming events.

THANK YOU!

PROVINCIAL SYNERGY SUMMIT 2026

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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:

- **Halloween Pool Bash- Friday, October 30th.**
  Tickets are now on sale at the Aquatic Centre.
  Swim from 5:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.
  Haunted House from 7:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.
  There will be prizes, games, sno cones, popcorn and more!
- The pool has officially reopened following its annual shutdown and is ready to welcome residents back. Thank you for your patience during the closure. We look forward to seeing you back at the pool!

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

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

Upcoming Programming

Baby & Toddler Time *Ages 0-3*
Creative Explosion *Ages 3+*
Growing Minds Stem Class *Ages 4-8*
Lego Club *Ages 5+*
Reading Buddies *Ages 6-13*
Anime & Otaku Club *Ages 8+*
After School Art Club *Ages 10+*
Family Films *All Ages*

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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!

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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.prl.ab.ca/blackfalds
Eagle Builders Centre 5302 Broadway Avenue
Blackfalds, AB T0M 0J0

WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

2026 Holiday Programs

Open to Alix, Mirror, Tees and Lacombe County residents.



Alix & Area Santa's Anonymous

Apply at the Centre, after November 11.
(Please provide a photo ID and proof of address)

A vital program, ensuring every child in Alix and Area has a gift to open at Christmas, through the efforts of local partners and Lacombe Kinsmen.
Toys are available for children ages 18 years and younger.

Kin Canada Lacombe Kinsmen Club

Upon application, you will be provided an option to pick-up or have Christmas gifts dlivered. (starts December 14th)

Feeding the Holidays

Apply at the Centre, after November 11.
(Please provide a photo ID and proof of address)

Do you need some extra help this holiday? Apply to receive a $75 voucher to supplement Christmas meal costs (voucher to Alix Foods).

Voucher can ONLY be used to purchase food, must be used in FULL and has NO CASH VALUE. Voucher expires on January 15, 2027.

Only ONE voucher per household.
Deadline: December 17, 2026

NEW: Comfort & Joy Hamper

Only ONE hamper per household.
Deadline: December 17, 2026

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

Closed all statutory holidays

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

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

Coming Soon!

Christmas in the Village: Saturday, December 5
Get in the holiday spirit with FREE, fun activities and local shopping! Hosted at the Alix Community Hall. More details to follow...

2027 Health & Wellness Fair: Sunday, January 31
Let us know if you have a service/ product you would like to share with Alix and Area. NO table fee! Hosted at the Alix Community Hall. Contact Jill, 403-588-5199.

Save the Date: Family Day Artisan Market and Activities, on Monday, February 15.

Services Available

- Information & Referral
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- Family Wellness
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- Adult Learning
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DECEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	DEC 1 Committee of the Whole (9 AM)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 County Council (9 AM	11 Office Closes 3 PM	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27	28 Office Closed	29	30	31 New Year's Eve (Office Closes 3 PM)	JAN. 1, 2027 New Year's Day Office Closed	2

Upcoming Events: December 1: Committee of the Whole (9 AM), December 10: County Council (9AM), December 24-28: Christmas Office Closure

ATTENTION:

Notification of Access for County Assessors

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

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



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