

County News

Friday, August 21, 2026 | Volume 8

REMINDER: Property taxes are due on Monday, August 31.
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Harvest Season is here! Safety reminders from Lacombe County

Harvest season is upon us in Lacombe County, and with it comes a unique mix of activity on our rural roads. Farmers are hard at work bringing in their crops, school buses are back on their routes, and late-summer travellers are still enjoying the countryside. It's a busy time, and we all share the responsibility of keeping our roads safe. Whether you're driving a combine, a camper, or a car, a little patience and awareness go a long way.

FOR FARMERS & AGRICULTURAL OPERATORS

- Expect increased traffic on rural roads, especially during school hours.
- Ensure all equipment is road-ready: lights, reflectors, and slow-moving vehicle emblems must be visible and functional.
- Return equipment to transport mode to reduce width.
- Plan your route to avoid low power lines and narrow bridges or culverts.

FOR DRIVERS & TRAVELLERS

- Be patient and give yourself extra time. Harvest equipment moves slowly and may take up more road space.

- Stay alert for turning or crossing machinery, especially on gravel roads and field entrances.
- Respect school zones and watch for children, especially during morning and afternoon commutes.

BACK TO SCHOOL + HARVEST = BUSY ROADS

- Slow down in school zones.
- Avoid distractions.
- Practice extra caution near bus stops and crosswalks.

SAFETY TIPS FROM ALBERTA AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

- Transport equipment safely and legally.
- Be aware of other motorists and road users.
- Follow all traffic laws.
- Make sure all safety markings and lights are in place and working.

Let's work together to keep Lacombe County's roads safe this harvest season. A little extra time and attention can make all the difference. Stay alert, stay patient, and stay safe out there!

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It's harvest season...



Stay ALERT | Stay PATIENT | Stay SAFE

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SUCCESS GROWS HERE!

Publication Mail Agreement No 43726064

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



Household Hazardous Waste Round Up

Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission is hosting a Residential Household Hazardous Waste Round Up event for all residents within Lacombe County at the following sites:

ELECTONICS * PAINT * TIRES * USED OIL MATERIALS * HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Alix/Mirror Transfer Station

August 29, 2026
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
40319 Range Road 231

City of Lacombe

September 19, 2026
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
5395 Len Thompson Dr.

Bentley Transfer Station

September 26, 2026
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Eckville Transfer Station

October 17, 2026
9:00 AM - 11:45 AM
3219 Township Rd 400

PLEASE NOTE: Date correction from July paper

All items must be residential products and in original containers to be accepted.

Commercial/Agricultural products will not be accepted.

Items that will be accepted are:

- **PAINT AND PAINT PRODUCTS** – Original Containers (*Latex, oil and alkyd paints, wood stains, thinners and solvents, and paint aerosols*)
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** (<10L or <10kg) – Original Containers

(*Laundry detergents, bleach, oven cleaners, spot removers, waste acids, rust removers, drain/toilet cleaners, metal polish, household herbicides and pesticides, lawn fertilizers, insect sprays, car and household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, aerosol containers, and household propane tanks (30lbs maximum)*)

- **ELECTRONICS** (*Televisions, computer equipment, monitors, keyboards, cameras, phones, VCR/DVD players, stereos and MP3 players*)

- **USED OIL** - original containers not required and recycling of containers will be available (*Engine oil, gasoline, diesel, brake fluid, transmission fluid, kerosene, washer fluid, and antifreeze*)

IMPORTANT DETAILS

Products **will not** be accepted outside of the posted times as staff need time to transport and sort the materials.

Look for the LRWSC truck and flat deck trailer onsite and meet with the staff to dispose of your products!

Government of Alberta Invests \$18.4 Million to Complete Regional Wastewater System

The Sylvan Lake Regional Water/Wastewater Commission is pleased to announce that the Government of Alberta has committed a total of \$18.4 million through the Water for Life program to complete the final phase of the regional wastewater system serving the Sylvan Lake area.

The Province's latest Water for Life grant of \$5,636,038 provides the remaining provincial funding required to construct the final phase of the system. Combined with the Province's previous \$12.7 million investment, this funding will allow the Commission to connect the Town of Eckville, the Summer Village of Half Moon Bay, and portions of Lacombe County—completing a regional wastewater system first envisioned more than two decades ago.

Funding approval was provided by Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors with the support of the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors and MLA for Innisfail–Sylvan Lake, and the Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Finance

and President of the Treasury Board and MLA for Rimbey–Rocky Mountain House–Sundre.

The final phase is estimated at \$20.4 million, with the approved route expected to reduce construction costs by approximately \$20 million compared to alternative options. Once operational in late 2027, the expanded system will provide a reliable, cost-effective wastewater solution that protects the region's aquifer and drinking water, supports the long-term health of Sylvan Lake, and enables future growth across Central Alberta.

Commission Chair Mike Pashak (Summer Village of Half Moon Bay) welcomed the announcement and thanked the Province for its support.

"On behalf of the Sylvan Lake Regional Water/Wastewater Commission and our member municipalities, I want to sincerely thank Minister Dreeshen, Minister Nixon, and the Government of Alberta for their commitment to this project and for providing the Water for Life funding needed to complete the regional system," said

Chair Pashak. "This investment delivers lasting benefits for the entire region. It provides an affordable wastewater solution for our communities, protects our drinking water sources, supports future growth, and completes the regional vision that municipalities and the Province began more than two decades ago. This is a tremendous win for Central Alberta."

Detailed design and construction will now proceed, with the regional system expected to be fully operational in late 2027.



Mattson family marks 125 years of farming heritage in Lacombe County

Submitted by Justine and Karin Mattson

The Mattson family proudly celebrated 125 years of operation in the Lacombe County and Sylvan Lake area. Friends, family, and community members gathered together on August 8th to enjoy speeches, presentations, a great meal, live music, and fireworks.

ABOUT THE MATTSON FAMILY

Matt and Mary Mattson immigrated from Finland in the late 1800's. After spending time in Montana in the coal mines, a group of Finns decided to settle in the Sylvan Lake area, which resembled their homeland. At that time, the lake was named "Snake Lake," and they chose the name "Kuusamo" to represent their community. The land title dates 1901 in the Mattson name, which makes the farm older than the province of Alberta. The original homestead was then

farmed by successive generations, including Emil and Saima Mattson, Roy and Marie Mattson, and Tammy and Steve Mattson. Grain and beef cattle continue to be the primary farming industries on the Mattson farm.

Over the years, the farm has been a home for

five generations and has contributed towards many wonderful memories for family and friends. The family wishes to thank everyone for making this celebration a success.



Lacombe County Tax Deadline: AUGUST 31



Tax payments are payable to Lacombe County no later than August 31, 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 (TIPPs) will see their payment adjusted, annually in May to reflect the new tax rates for the current year.

The above due date and penalties DO NOT APPLY to ratepayers enrolled in the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP), which allows property taxes to be paid on a monthly basis instead of one single payment. Application forms for enrollment are available at the Lacombe County Administration office or on the Lacombe County website.

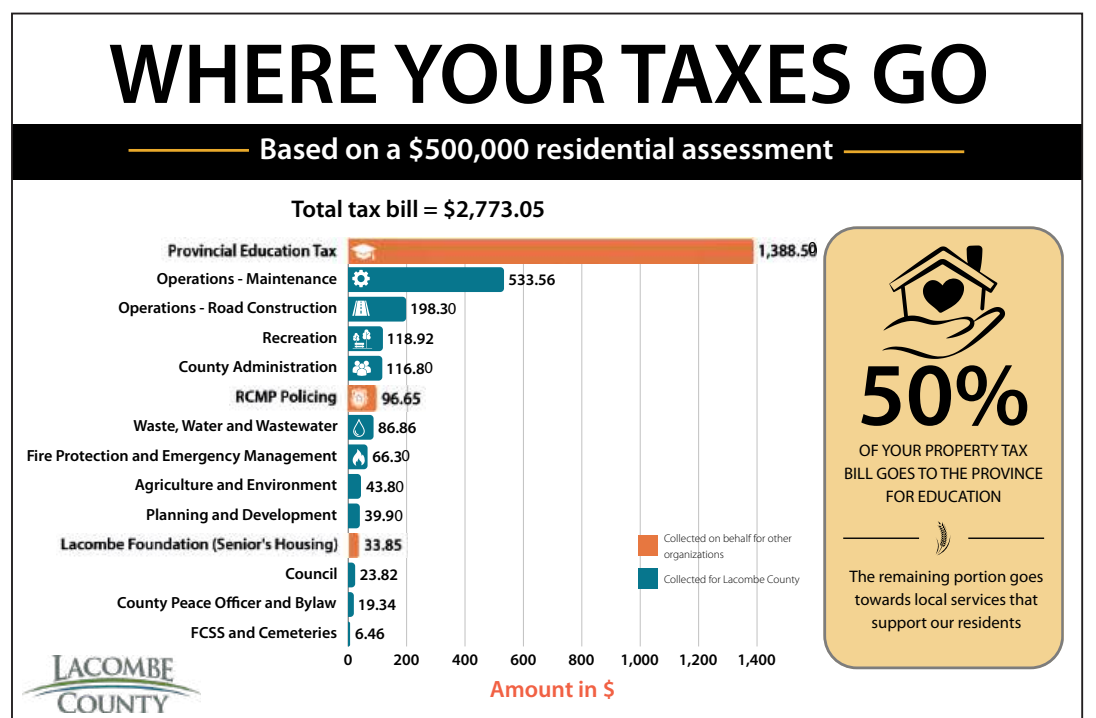
Property owners who miss the tax payment deadline will have a 6% penalty applied on September 1 on the outstanding taxes owing. An additional 10% penalty will be added on December 1 for all taxes remaining unpaid after November 30.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

TAX DEADLINE: AUG. 31

Combined property assessment and tax notices were mailed in early May. If you have NOT received yours, please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-6601.

Pay your property taxes BY AUGUST 31, and avoid any late tax penalties! Learn more at www.lacombecounty.com/taxes.



Help name Lacombe's new ice resurfacer

The City of Lacombe is inviting residents of the City of Lacombe and Lacombe County to help name its newest ice resurfacer through a community naming contest. Community members are encouraged to submit creative, family-friendly name suggestions that reflect local pride, winter recreation, and the spirit of the community. Following the submission period, City staff will review all eligible entries and select up to five finalist names. The finalists will then be presented for public voting in September.

The entrant whose submission is selected as the final name may receive a Grand Prize Package valued at approximately \$1,000, including:

- Recognition at the official unveiling event on October 17, 2026
- A centre-ice photo opportunity with the ice resurfacer
- Free family public skating admission for the 2026-2027 ice season
- One year of free family swimming at the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre
- Recognition in City communications and social media
- The winning name will also be proudly displayed on the ice resurfacer.

"We're excited to give residents an opportunity to be part of this project in a fun and meaningful way," said Mayor Thalia Hibbs. "Whether it's inspired by local history, community spirit, or a clever idea, we're looking forward to seeing the creativity of our residents."

CONTEST TIMELINE

- Name Submissions: August 13-27, 2026
- Community Voting: September 7-21, 2026
- Official Unveiling: October 17, 2026

SUBMIT A NAME TODAY!

Residents are encouraged to submit their best name suggestion online. For contest details, eligibility requirements, prize information, and to submit an entry, visit: www.lacombe.ca/naming-contest

Name our new ice resurfacer!

It's new.
It's shiny.
It builds great ice.

Now it just needs a name.

Submit a Name Today!
Scan the QR code or visit our website for contest details.
Submit your entry by August 27.
Community voting begins Sept 7.

APPLY NOW:

2026 RMA Post-Secondary Scholarship Program

RMA
RURAL MUNICIPALITIES OF ALBERTA

Deadline to apply: August 28

Full details at: <https://rmaalberta.com/about/awards-recognition/rma-scholarship-program/>

WETLANDS & FARMING FIELD DAY

LANDOWNER TOOLS FOR WETLAND MANAGEMENT

NEW DATE **Oct 16th**
11:00-4:30PM

A field day for farmers, ranchers and landowners interested in learning about wetland management and what tools are available to deal with weeds, grazing and wetland protection.

39502 Rg Rd 260 Lacombe County AB

REGISTER BEFORE Oct 13th at ellisnaturecentre.ca/events

WETLANDS: STORIES FROM ALUS

GRAZING, DROUGHT & RIPARIAN AREAS

WEEDS AND WATER

WETLAND BUFFERS & POLLINATORS

RIPIARIAN AREAS

FREE public workshop and field walk at Ellis Nature Centre with information sessions from Red Deer River Watershed Alliance, ALUS, County of Lacombe and Cows & Fish!

Lunch will be provided.
Pre-registration is required.

Red Deer River
Watershed Alliance

LACOMBE COUNTY

CAFLA ALUS

Ellis Nature Centre

COWS & FISH
RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

Discover Lacombe & District APP

The Discover Lacombe & District App is a great way to find and support local businesses around our communities!

Why Download Now?

- ✓ Business directory
- ✓ Local Organizations
- ✓ Local event updates
- ✓ All in one place

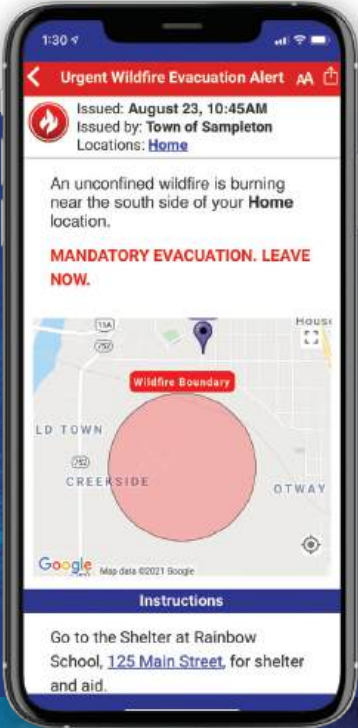
SAFETY FIRST



LACOMBE COUNTY NOTIFICATION SERVICE



CRITICAL INCIDENT
NOTIFICATIONS



Urgent Wildfire Evacuation Alert
Issued: August 23, 10:45AM
Issued by: Town of Sampleton
Locations: Home

An unconfined wildfire is burning near the south side of your Home location.

MANDATORY EVACUATION. LEAVE NOW.

LD TOWN
CREEKSIDE
OTWAY

Instructions
Go to the Shelter at Rainbow School, 125 Main Street, for shelter and aid.



EVERYDAY
COMMUNICATIONS



REGISTER NOW!



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




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

FIRE PERMIT SEASON

is March 1 - October 31

Do you have a Fire Permit?
SUBMIT IT ONLINE BEFORE BURNING!



mobile requests through the website



online Fire Permit Request



call into the office at 403-782-6601

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

Working with grain can turn deadly in seconds

Did you know grain entrapment can occur in just a few seconds? And once trapped, self-rescue is virtually impossible. Tragically, many individuals who become trapped in grain do not survive.

Moving grain is like quicksand; it can pull a person under before they have time to react. Plus, entrapments can occur anywhere grain is stored, including bins and trucks.

The most effective way to prevent grain entrapment is simple: **Stay out of grain whenever possible.**

Check your stored grain regularly to prevent problems early on, and always keep children and any unauthorized individuals away from grain storage and handling areas.

A little advance planning can save a life. By committing to BeGrainSafe and prioritizing grain safety, we can work together to help ensure everyone gets home safe.

For more information about grain safety and BeGrainSafe Week, visit casaacsa.ca/BeGrainSafe-Week.

Did you know?

Bridged grain, flowing grain, and grain avalanches are all dangerous.



Learn to **BeGrainSafe** at casa-acsa.ca/begrainsafe

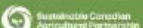
  

Grain can trap you in seconds



Flowing grain behaves like quicksand, pulling a person down almost immediately and removing any ability to move or escape.
< 10 seconds to become trapped
< 60 seconds to full engulfment

Once grain reaches your knees, you cannot pull yourself out without help.

MIRROR CORNER



An enhanced recycling program is coming!



FULL DETAILS: (including accepted material list)

www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-communities/mirror



WRAP UP SUMMER

MOVIE & Jammie Afternoon

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

MOVIE: TO BE ANNOUNCED

MIRROR LIBRARY

Come dressed in your *favourite jammies*, bring your pillow and a *favourite stuffy*, then sit back, relax, and enjoy a movie with *friends and family!*

FREE REFRESHMENTS INCLUDE:

- POPCORN
- COTTON CANDY
- POP
- WATER
- COFFEE & TEA

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Thank You! In recognition of the support from **LACOMBE COUNTY** through the **RC9 GRANT**, we thank you!

QUESTIONS? Email MJ at booksinmirror@gmail.com

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.

CN PUBLIC INQUIRY LINE

1-888-888-5909

contact@cn.ca

Monday to Friday
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., ET

CN POLICE

1-800-465-9239

Emergency phone line open 24/7

CNPoliceTipLine@cn.ca

email non-urgent suspicious activities



Train Acres Miniature Railway is proud to present its second annual fundraiser for the Stollery and Alberta Children's Hospitals.

Come and enjoy a ride on one of our fantastic miniature railway trains. Tickets are \$15 per person, with all proceeds donated to the charities.

Train Acres Charity Fundraiser

Join us for an unforgettable journey and help support great causes!

📅 September 12 & 13, 2026

🎫 Get Your Train Ride Tickets Now!



<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2026-train-acres-fundraiser-for-the-stollery-alberta-childrens-hospitals-tickets-1993155953110>

Elections Alberta launches largest recruitment drive in Alberta's history

We're hiring into October 2026!

Haven't heard from us yet?
Please give us time to go through the high volume of applications.



Apply today
elections.ab.ca/jobs

Elections Alberta is launching the largest electoral event worker recruitment campaign in Alberta's history and one of the largest referendum recruitment efforts ever undertaken in Canada ahead of the province's upcoming referendum on October 19, 2026.

With ten ballot questions, Elections Alberta will print 45 million ballots, far exceeding the 1.8 million ballots cast in Alberta's 2023 provincial general election and the 19.8 million ballots cast in Canada's 2025 federal general election.

To achieve the 48-hour deadline to complete the unofficial ballot count, a minimum of 60,000 workers will be required.

"This referendum will be a colossal undertaking and requires Albertans to work together to deliver the upcoming referendum. Working with us in the coming months provides a great opportunity for students, teams, community groups, and Albertans from all walks of life to get involved in the democratic process," said Gordon McClure, Chief Electoral Officer.

"I especially encourage rural Albertans to apply. Delivering a referendum of this scale will require dedicated election workers in every corner of our province," McClure added.

Seeking to recruit more than 60,000 workers for upcoming referendum

All Alberta residents 16 years or older and eli-

gible to work in Canada are welcome to apply. Some positions will require applicants to be 18 years or older, all election workers will need to pass a criminal history check, and election workers will be unable to participate in any political activity during their employment. Elections Alberta is a non-partisan, independent Office of the Legislature, and all election officers must sign an oath requiring them to uphold the non-partisan mandate of the Office during the Referendum.

For day-to-day operations, Elections Alberta is staffed by 48 permanent staff. This expands significantly during election periods.

During the 2023 Alberta provincial general election, Elections Alberta hired 13,095 election workers, with the total cost for the election coming to approximately \$37 million.

Recruiting more than 60,000 workers for the upcoming referendum is no small task. For context, the 1995 Quebec referendum required the recruitment of 57,000 electoral workers to assist the 4.8 million voters and manage polling stations.

How to apply

Interested Albertans can apply online at <https://recruitment.elections.ab.ca/8400/8>.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early and should apply separately for each role they are interested in. Successful applicants will begin to be notified starting in mid-July.

Applications will be directed to the Returning Officer for the applicant's electoral division based on their residential address. Applicants may also be asked to work in electoral divisions adjacent to where they live.

Applicants are asked to be patient due to the large volume of roles being recruited for and applications received. Only selected candidates will be contacted. Please do not contact Elections Alberta to inquire about the status of your application.

About the positions

Positions will include Election Officers who staff the voting places and Counting Officers who are

responsible for vote-counting once voting places close.

A variety of roles are available including:

- Site supervisors,
- Information officers,
- Voting officers,
- Ballot box clerks,
- Registration officers,
- Record clerks,
- Count supervisors,
- Count coordinators, and
- Count officers.

All positions are paid, and the time commitment varies depending on the role. Some positions will begin October 13, with paid training scheduled in early October prior to the position start date. The training will involve a mix of online and in-person, depending on the role.

Applications from rural Albertans are especially encouraged to help support referendum administration and vote counting across the province.

Positions are available for the following periods:

- Advance Voting – October 13 – 17, 2026,
- Election Day – October 19, 2026, and
- Counting Ballots – October 19 – 21, 2026.

Visit our website to learn more about Referendum 2026, the hiring process, read descriptions of the positions, and apply at our Recruitment webpage.

Please see the Important Referendum Information Update for more information on ballots, voting, and voting requirements.

Requirements on timelines to release the unofficial count are set out in the Referendum (General) Regulation. Read more about the amendments which came into effect April 23, 2026. Read the news release on all the changes to the Regulation made in Bill 23.

Follow Elections Alberta on social media for more Referendum 2026 updates.

OPERATIONS

CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATIONS

Road closure and detour for bridge construction on Lakeside/Sargent Road

Lacombe County will begin bridge replacement work on Bridge File 1177, located at SE 1-40-25 W4M (Haynes Creek), starting August 11, 2026. As part of this project, a section of Lakeside / Sargent Road (Twp Rd 40-0) will be closed to through traffic and accessible to local traffic only. The road closure is necessary to safely complete the demolition and construction of the new bridge.

The project is expected to be completed by September 18, 2026, weather permitting. Detour routes will be clearly marked, and signage will be in place to guide motorists around the construction area. Lacombe County reminds all drivers to obey posted signage and use caution when travelling in the area.

A map of the project location and detour route is included below for reference.



CONSTRUCTION SEASON REMINDER

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

All notifications and maps can be found at lacombecounty.com under Construction Notifications (in Quick Links).

Road Construction Notification Range Road 22-4

Lacombe County will be undertaking road construction work on Range Road 22-4, from Highway 12 south to Township Road (W 16 & 21-39-22 W4).

PROJECT DETAILS

Location: Range Road 22-4 (approximately 2 miles)

Construction Start: September 7, 2026

Estimated Completion: October 12, 2026 (weather permitting)

Project: Local County road construction and related improvements

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Motorists can expect major traffic delays and accommodations during construction. Drivers are asked to obey all posted signage, reduce speeds in construction zones, and allow extra travel time when planning their routes.



DO YOU HAVE GRAVEL?

To ensure we have a reliable supply of gravel to maintain our County roads, Lacombe County is always on the lookout for new gravel sources. Gravel is an important, non-renewable resource necessary for construction and maintenance of roads.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK I HAVE GRAVEL ON MY LAND?

If you think you have gravel on your property, and you wish to investigate further, please contact the County office at 403-782-8379 and speak with the Operations Department. County staff will come out to meet with you and arrange for testing. While the testing involves digging a test hole or holes, it is done in the least invasive way practical.

There is no obligation on the part of the Land Owner if suitable gravel is found. The County will discuss options and work with the land owner on a possible agreement for access and use of the land.

IS THE GROUND
ROCKY?

DO YOU HAVE A CREEK/RIVER BED ON
YOUR PROPERTY?

ARE THERE GRAVEL PITS
NEARBY?

HAVE YOU FOUND ROCKS DURING
EXCAVATION WORK?

DO YOU HAVE LOW LYING
PROPERTY?

WWW.LACOMBECOUNTY.COM — TWITTER @LACOMBECOUNTY — 403.782.8379

ENVIRONMENT

REMINDER: Winter Storage permits required on reserve lands

The storage of select, seasonal items may be authorized on County reserve lands from September long weekend (Sept. 7, 2026) to May long weekend (May 17, 2027). Winter storage may proceed in locations where the integrity of the environment is not compromised.

Items approved for storage must have a unique identifier affixed or the item(s) may be removed. The storage of ice fishing huts and storage sheds will not be permitted. Stored items without County registration may be removed and disposed of at the County's sole discretion.

Applications must be submitted on an annual basis for the storage of items through the following application: <https://www.lacombecounty.com/living-here/environment/county-reserve-land/special-use-of-reserves/>

Calls or questions may be directed to Jordan at jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com or 403-782-8959.



Alberta's agricultural moisture update

Alberta's producers watch moisture levels closely throughout the changing seasons. Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation provides moisture system updates throughout the year. These updates include a synopsis of conditions and trends, perspectives, and various moisture-related maps.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](https://open.alberta.ca/publications/moisture-situation-update)

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/moisture-situation-update>

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/>.



Environmental Stewardship Award nominations now open

Lacombe County is shining a spotlight on outstanding individuals and community non-government organizations who exemplify the essence of environmental stewardship, recognizing individuals or groups who demonstrate an unwavering commitment to conserving and sustaining the environment within Lacombe County.

The Environmental Stewardship Award nomination process is open to the public. Anyone can put forward deserving candidates who embody the spirit of environmental stewardship. A committee will review nominations and select a recipient based on their contributions.

A judging panel will choose the winner of the Environmental Stewardship Award who will receive a one-time cash award of \$1,500, recognizing their outstanding efforts in environmental stewardship.

Nomination Process:

- **Open Period:** July 15, 2026, to September 30, 2026.
- **How to Nominate:** Submit nominations in person or via email to jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com. Include full contact information of the nominee and a detailed description of their environmental efforts. (Self-nominations are not permitted).
- **Eligibility:**
 - Must be a resident/organization in Lacombe County.
 - Recipient can only win once.
 - Nominations must be submitted by September 30, 2026.
 - Forms available at www.lacombecounty.com/EnvironmentalAward.

- **Award:** A one-time cash prize of \$1,500 will be awarded, recognizing significant contributions to environmental stewardship.

About the Environmental Stewardship Award:

The Environmental Stewardship Award is part of Lacombe County's commitment to environmental sustainability. In 2021, the Environmental Community Engagement Program was launched, encompassing educational and sustainability initiatives. This program was extended by Lacombe County Council in 2023 due to its success. We are pleased to be running this program again in 2026!

Past Winners:

- **2025: Medicine River Watershed Society** – Outstanding work in preserving and improving the health of the Medicine River watershed through initiatives and community awareness.
- **2024: Nick Harper** – Restoration and preservation, including reforestation (150 native trees planted), pond restoration, and implementing sustainable grazing practices.
- **2023: Ward Nelson** - Notable for planting over 2000 trees and implementing solar-powered livestock watering systems.
- **2022: Joan Olafson** - Continued stewardship of 80 acres encompassing wetlands, forest, and streams.
- **2021: Sharon and Rick Wiebe** - Developed a community garden, off-site watering systems, and other sustainable projects.

Nominations OPEN
July 15 - September 30

How to Nominate?
Fill out the form (located on our website). Submit in person or email jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com

Criteria
Resident OR organization in Lacombe County.
Can only win ONCE.

AGRICULTURE

Managing beaver damage to County infrastructure

Beavers are an important part of Alberta's landscape. Known as "nature's engineers," they create wetlands that benefit wildlife, improve water quality, and enhance biodiversity. However, their dam-building habits can sometimes conflict with human needs—particularly when it comes to protecting roads, culverts, and drainage systems.

Lacombe County recognizes both the ecological value of beavers and the potential damage they can cause to municipal infrastructure. That's why the County has a Beaver Flood Control Policy to address situations where beaver activity threatens public infrastructure.

When the County Will Step In

The County will take action when beaver activity has, or may have, a detrimental effect on County roads or associated drainage works. This may involve:

- Trapping beavers
- Unplugging culverts and bridges

All work is carried out in accordance with Alberta trapping regulations and provincial safety laws, particularly when explosives are used.

Beavers on Private Land

Sometimes, beaver activity on private land can cause flooding or other issues on nearby County roads. In those cases, the County will only undertake beaver control with written permission from the landowner or occupant.

If beaver activity is affecting only private property and not County infrastructure, the County will not intervene directly. However, residents can contact Agricultural Services for advice or referrals to licensed trappers.

Working Together to Manage Beaver Impacts

By working with landowners, Lacombe County aims to strike a balance—protecting public infrastructure while respecting the role beavers play in the local environment. If you notice beaver activity that is causing, or could cause, damage to County roads or drainage systems, please report it to the County Office or speak to a member of our Agricultural Services team at 403-782-8959.



The importance of fall weed control

There is still time left to control those problem weeds you've been struggling with all summer. Fall presents an excellent time of year to make progress on removing stubborn perennial weeds – especially Canada thistle or pesky dandelions.

With the cooler fall season temperatures coming in, grass finally has a chance to recover from the heat stress of summer. You can encourage good grass competition during this time, which in turn will help choke out any lingering weeds. Fertilizing, aerating, top dressing, reseeding, and proper mowing height can help a lawn setting. With pastures, rotational grazing, proper stocking rates, seeding/overseeding, and nutrient adjustments contribute to a good healthy grass stand. Essentially, any activity that can help encourage your grass to build up a healthy root reserve of nutrients to last it through the winter and to be well prepared for spring weather.

Another thing to keep in mind as you might be deadheading, pruning or removing built up dead or dying material, is the proper disposal of yard waste. Whether it be weed

flowers or seed heads, diseased branches and leaves, or just general plant material, be mindful of how and where you might be transporting these undesirables, as they can cause issues if they aren't dealt with properly.

Lastly, a fall herbicide application can be an extremely effective technique for resolving perennial weed concerns before they become a problem next growing season. Make sure to use a registered, selective herbicide for best results.

If you have any questions, please call the Lacombe County Agriculture department at 403.782.8959.



STRYCHNINE PROGRAM UPDATE

Due to manufacturing delays, Lacombe County has been advised that 2% liquid strychnine will not be available for the remainder of 2026. **QUESTIONS?** Please call 403-782-8959.

At this time:

- Producers wishing to participate in the 2% liquid strychnine program can contact the Agriculture Services department at 403-782-8959.
- Producers will be added to a contact list and will be contacted once strychnine is available for purchase in the spring of 2027.
- Lacombe County will continue to publish updates regarding 2% liquid strychnine as they become available.

ATTENTION COUNTY RESIDENTS:

MOWING PROGRAM

Please be mindful of what is left in the county ditches and move debris completely away or into the fence line. This will help prevent damage to the mowing equipment.

THESE ITEMS COULD INCLUDE:

- ✓ Fence Wire
- ✓ Telephone Wire
- ✓ Large Rocks
- ✓ Posts
- ✓ Any material that may cause damage

THANK YOU!

www.lacombecounty.com
403-782-8959



LACOMBE
COUNTY

PLANNING SERVICES

Starting a Home Based Business in the County

Frequently Asked Questions

Home based businesses are an important part of the local economy. They support entrepreneurship, create opportunities for residents to earn income and offer goods and services close to home, while helping diversify the County's economic base. People may choose to start a business from home to reduce overhead costs, pursue a specialized skill or idea, gain greater independence and flexibility, or test and grow a new venture.

WHAT IS A HOME BASED BUSINESS?

The Lacombe County *Land Use Bylaw* defines two types of home based businesses.

A minor home-based business must be located within the principal dwelling or accessory building(s) and cannot employ any people who are not residents of the principal dwelling. They also do not allow for the on-site visit of clients and exterior storage is not permitted.

A major home-based business allows on-site client visits but must not have an unreasonable number of late visits, cause traffic congestion, or require excessive off-street parking. Non-resident employees and outdoor storage may be allowed for the business if the property is in the Agricultural 'A' District.

CAN I HAVE A HOME BASED BUSINESS?

Home based businesses can be operated in a variety of land use districts!

Minor home based businesses are permitted in the Agricultural 'A' District, Recreational Vehicle 'R-RVR' District, and all residential districts.

Major home based businesses may be allowed in the Agricultural 'A' District and several of the residential districts, however, their approval is at

the County's discretion.

Not sure what district your property is in? Use the County's online GIS map or contact Planning Services for assistance.

I'M LOOKING TO START A HOME BASED BUSINESS, WHAT APPROVALS DO I NEED?

Depending on your location and the type of home based business, you may require a development permit.

The operation of a minor home based business in the Agricultural 'A' District does not require a development permit, provided the business complies with all applicable regulations from the *Land Use Bylaw*.

A development permit is required for all major home based businesses and minor home based businesses in all districts other than the Agricultural 'A' District.

A development permit allows a property owner or applicant to use or develop their property in accordance with the regulations and standards of the County's Land Use Bylaw. Prior to the commencement of any project, it is always a good idea to consult with the County's Planning Services department to ensure that what you propose on your property can be pursued within the bounds of the *Land Use Bylaw*.

The County requires applicants to provide a completed Development Permit Application Form, a site plan, and a completed Supplementary Business Form. The Supplementary Business Form should include details of the business, including, but not limited to, the nature of the business, the hours of operation, buildings that will be used, the number of employees, traffic generated by

the business, and measures taken to minimize potential nuisance to neighbouring properties. Other information deemed necessary by the County may also be required.

HOW DO I GET A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION AND SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS FORM?

Development Permit Application Forms and Supplementary Business Forms are available at the Lacombe County office or can be downloaded online from the County website.

DO I NEED A BUSINESS LICENSE TO OPERATE A HOME BASED BUSINESS?

No, Lacombe County does not issue business licences. Once the required development permit approvals have been obtained, you may proceed with operating your business in accordance with the approved conditions and applicable regulations.

QUESTIONS?

Planning Services is available to help you understand the requirements and take the next steps with confidence. Whether you are exploring an idea, confirming your property's land use district, determining whether your business is considered minor or major, or preparing a development permit application, staff can help clarify the process and identify the information you may need. Reaching out early can help you understand the applicable regulations, avoid delays, and ensure your plans are appropriate for your property. If you have questions about starting or operating a home based business, please contact Planning Services at 403-782-8389 or planning@lacombe-county.com. We welcome your questions and are happy to assist.



Tree Planting Program

2027-2028

Free Tree Planting for Landowners

TELUS Environment is offering fully funded tree planting services to landowners with 1 hectare (2,000 trees) or more of land to help improve your land's health, resilience, and beauty. We handle everything—from custom design and sourcing to planting and long-term monitoring—at no cost to you.

Benefits:

- Protect against prairie winds and erosion
- Create wildlife habitat for birds and pollinators
- Enhance your property's natural beauty and value
- Support carbon sequestration and climate resilience
- Enhance long-term sustainability

In-Kind Contributions: While not mandatory, we prioritize landowners who can contribute in-kind support such as site preparation, post-planting tree irrigation, fencing to protect from livestock, or other on-site assistance. Your involvement strengthens project success and community partnership.

Available Species: Hybrid Poplar, Manitoba Maple, Trembling Aspen, Cottonwood, Balsam Poplar, White Birch, Bur Oak, Red Elderberry, Chokecherry, Saskatoon, Lodgepole Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Limber Pine, Jack Pine, White Spruce, Blue Spruce, Siberian Larch, and more!

To Apply: Complete the following intake form, found at this link, or by scanning the QR code <https://forms.gle/H1ZeZN3wtqMDt5ZH7>

Contact:
Tim Dottridge
tim@shaktitrees.com




Community Assisted Policing Through Use of Recorded Evidence



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SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

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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July 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026

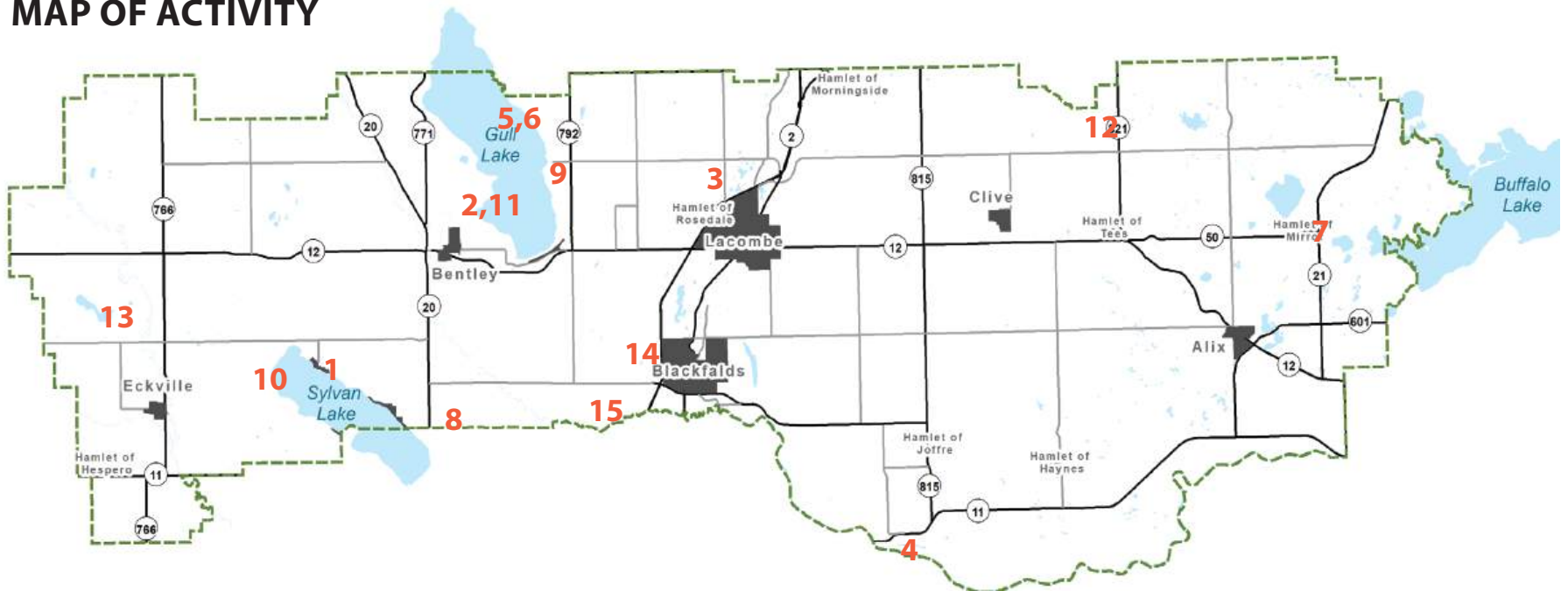
Development Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Development	Decision
1	90/26	Svea Contracting Ltd.	Lot 2 Plan 1169MC E 26-39-02-W5M	960ft ² open storage shed	Approved
2	91/26	Dynamic Modular Homes	Unit 30 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RV Resort)	1100ft ² park model w/covered deck	Approved
3	92/26	Bellco Ltd.	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 252 0047 (SE 12-41-27-W4M)	dwelling w/attached garage, covered deck & veranda <i>Replacement Residence</i>	Approved
4	93/26	Kevin & Heather Brock	SE 18-38-25-W4M	416ft ² addition to existing dwelling	Approved
5	94/26	Shawn Sorken & Trudy Fornal	Unit 53 Condo Plan 102 2165 (DeGraff's RV Resort)	240ft ² shed	Approved
6	95/26	Shawn Sorken & Trudy Fornal	Unit 54 Condo Plan 102 2165 (DeGraff's RV Resort)	240ft ² shed	Approved
7	96/26	Auldrick Conyette	Lots 5 & 6 Block 25 Plan 7159AI (Hamlet of Mirror)	Automotive Equipment and Vehicle Services, 3120 ft ² shop with 960 ft ² living space	Pending
8	97/26	Benoit Trudeau	Pt. SW 16-39-01-W5M	Addition to Existing Cabin	Pending
9	98/26	Bellco Ltd.	Lot 12 Block 1 Plan 172 0385 (Wilson's Beach Estates)	4,272ft ² dwelling w/attached garage, covered deck & veranda	Approved
10	99/26	Creason Holdings Ltd.	Lot 16 Block 1 Plan 074 0786 (Eagle's Quay, Sylvan Lake)	5,862ft ² dwelling w/attached garage and covered deck	Approved
11	100/26	Ardell & Tera Hayworth	Unit 128 Condo Plan 142 2139 (Sandy Point RVR Resort)	Park model	Approved

Subdivision Applications Received

No.	File No.	Applicant	Legal Description	Proposed Subdivision	Decision
12	S-012-26	Zachary Knight	NE 13-41-24-W4M	Agricultural <i>Tree Farm</i>	Pending
13	S-013-26	Jason & Melissa Smith	SE 7-40-03-W5M	1st Parcel Out	Conditionally Approve
14	S-014-26	Bemoco Land Surveying Ltd.	Lot 18 Block 6 Plan 262 0524 (North Aspelund Industrial Park)	Other <i>Industrial Parcel</i>	Pending
15	S-015-26	Nick Leshner	NW 18-39-27-W4M	1st Parcel Out	Conditionally Approve

MAP OF ACTIVITY



ASSESSMENT 101 | *What you need to know*

WHY DO WE ASSESS PROPERTY?

Assessment establishes the value of a property in relation to similar properties and does not itself generate property taxes. Assessment is the process of valuing property to fairly and equitably distribute a municipality's total property tax requirement amongst property owners. Property taxes are generated when provincial education & municipal tax rates are applied to the assessed value of your property. Assessment preparation activities are set out by the Province in Statutes and Regulations.

2026 NOTICE OF PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

To ensure the accuracy of property assessments, Assessors re-inspect various properties throughout the municipality each year in Lacombe County. Assessors will inspect properties for various reasons, including cyclical updates, modernizations identified via development/safety code permits, ownership changes, changes identified on the most recent aerial photographs, or reports/updates from other sources. Our Assessors are completing a cyclical/rotational property re inspection project throughout Ranges 1 & 2 and properties that have changed ownership this summer.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING AN INSPECTION?

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

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

- physically collecting/verifying measurements of buildings and other structures,
- reviewing improvement and property characteristics, such as type of construction, number of bathrooms, type of heating, basement finish, areas finished as office or

warehouse, site improvements, updates or renovations, etc.

- confirming the circumstances of the sale/purchase of a property to determine if the transaction reflected a typical market value and could be used for comparison purposes.

Assessors must "classify" the property based on the use of the improvement and/or land (e.g. residential, farm land, commercial, industrial/manufacturing – a property may be dual or multi-purpose, residential & industrial). This means the Assessor will make observations about the use of the property in order to classify it while completing the physical inspection.

County Assessors may collect this information by requesting a physical "walk-thru" of each building when the owner/occupant is present (otherwise, the Assessor will try to do an external "walk-around"). Other collection methods may include in-person interviews (at the door or by phone), drive-by, mail, email request, MLS or online listings, or any other source of information available to us. Failure to respond to a request for information necessary to prepare the assessment may result in your inability to file a complaint with an assessment review board about the property the following year.

WHY INSPECTIONS ARE ESSENTIAL?

The information we collect about a property must be current so Assessors can prepare an accurate and equitable assessments of properties in the municipality each year. This is especially important if the property has recently changed ownership, if renovations/modernizations have been completed, or the actual use of the property has changed.

We will do our best to answer your questions during the inspection; however, some inquiries require further research and information. If this is the case, we may request a contact number or email address, so follow-up can be done to answer your questions.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation. Should you have questions regarding the assessment of your property, please get in touch with us at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

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

MEET THE TEAM

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



Angel Svennes



Andrew Beecraft



Nolan Bepalko

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING BUSINESS IN LACOMBE COUNTY



PRAIRIE DOG SPORTS

From a Farm Pond to Prairie Dog Sports

Prairie Dog Sports did not begin with a large facility or a carefully mapped-out business plan. It began with a dog, a farm pond and Michelle Eadie's decision to stop waiting and pursue something she truly loved.

Michelle grew up in Lacombe County, where animals were always part of her life. She was involved in 4-H, rode horses and developed a strong connection to the land. Her love for dog sports came later, after her Miniature Pinscher, Bear, introduced her to agility and Barn Hunt.

Bear was a small dog with a big personality, and he opened Michelle's eyes to an entirely new world. Together, they competed in the 2019 Barn Hunt National in McKinney, Texas, and Bear became the only Miniature Pinscher in Canada to earn his RATM and CZ8S titles.

More importantly, Bear helped Michelle discover what she truly wanted to do.

In 2017, Michelle lost a close friend, and around the same time, her husband received a serious medical diagnosis. Those experiences changed her perspective and reminded her that life is too short to keep putting off the things that matter.

Michelle decided it was time to take a chance on herself. She began hosting dock diving seminars and Sunday swims using a pond on the family property.

In the beginning, Michelle worked with what she had and found creative ways to make each event happen. A canola field was taken out to create space, a wagon helped transport equipment and rented land was used for parking. It was simple, but people came.

Michelle could see that people were looking for more opportunities to enjoy dog sports in Central Alberta. She began building Prairie Dog Sports one event and one improvement at a time. There were long days, plenty of physical work and many lessons learned along the way.

"You have to be flexible and able to adapt," she said.

That willingness to adapt has helped Prairie Dog

Sports grow from informal swims at the pond into a welcoming destination for dog owners from across Alberta and beyond. Located northwest of Lacombe, the facility now offers dock diving, Barn Hunt, agility, disc, scent detection and North American Sport Dog Association events. Classes, private instruction, seminars and drop-in opportunities give people and dogs of all experience levels the chance to participate.

Michelle says Lacombe County's central location, strong local businesses and rural atmosphere make it an ideal home for Prairie Dog Sports. It is accessible for visitors while still offering the space and down-to-earth environment that help people and their dogs feel comfortable.

For Michelle, the goal has never been to make dog sports feel intimidating or overly serious. While participants can train and compete, Prairie Dog Sports is also a place where people can relax, meet others and simply have fun with their dogs.

Most activities are open to dogs of different breeds, sizes and backgrounds, including mixed breeds and rescue dogs. Michelle believes every dog should have the opportunity to discover an activity it enjoys.

"Dogs love this," she said. "They tell you how much."

As Prairie Dog Sports grew, Michelle continued investing in her own education. In 2018, she travelled to Guildford, England, where she earned Level 3 certificates in Hydrotherapy for Small Animals and Hydrotherapy Treadmill Therapy for Small Animals. She is now a senior North American Diving Dogs judge, as well as a judge and instructor in several other dog sport disciplines.

Prairie Dog Sports hosts events throughout the year, welcoming competitors, judges and trainers to Lacombe County. These visitors also support nearby accommodations, restaurants and other local businesses.

You do not have to compete to be part of the experience. Events are free for spectators, and Michelle encourages anyone who is curious about

dog sports to come out and watch. No previous knowledge is needed. It is a fun, relaxed environment where visitors can see the dogs in action, learn about the different sports and experience the supportive community that has grown around Prairie Dog Sports.

There are two more events planned for August and several more coming up in September. Event dates and details can be found at prairiedogsports.ca.

Michelle is also looking for groups willing to help pick rocks from the event grounds. This could be a great fundraising opportunity for a sports team, youth group or community organization that is ready to lend a hand. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Prairie Dog Sports for more information.

What began as one woman following a passion has grown into a close-knit community. It has taken hard work, constant learning and the courage to keep moving forward, even when Michelle did not have every detail figured out.

Prairie Dog Sports is proof that a dream does not have to begin perfectly. Sometimes it begins with a pond, a determined little dog and someone brave enough to take the first step.

CONNECT WITH PRAIRIE DOG SPORTS

Location: 41403 Range Road 27-4,
Lacombe, AB

- **Website:** <https://www.prairiedogsports.ca/>
- **Phone:** 1-(587) 377-3647 (DOGS)

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

Please email economicdevelopment@lacombecounty.com.

EVERY BUSINESS HAS A STORY WORTH SHARING!



Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING

Reserve Land Designation (Bylaw No. 1464/26)

Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING to hear your feedback on the proposed bylaw changes that would update lands designated as Reserve under previous iterations of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* to the appropriate designation under the current MGA and designate lands which are currently being managed as Municipal Reserve, Environmental Reserve, and Public Utility Lot to the appropriate designation.

Bylaw 1464/26 will direct the management of County lands by clarifying the land's intended use, and bring additional legislative support to Policy RC(8) and Bylaw 1398/23.

PUBLIC HEARING PURPOSE:

A Public Hearing presents the proposed bylaw, and gives members of the public an opportunity to speak to Council provide input before adoption. Your input is valued and encouraged. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed bylaw changes will have an opportunity to do so at the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will take place:

**August 27, 2026 | 9:00 AM
Lacombe County Council Chambers**

You can find information for the properties on our website (scan the QR code below) at www.lacombecounty.com or by calling 403-782-8959.

Lots proposed to be designated as Environmental Reserve:

7720854;;R1	7822831;1;R10
7720043;;R1	567TR;1;R1
1836NY;;R	4238TR;A;R1
2620199;1;1	914MC;1;R
2620200;1;2	1183MC;1;R
2620203;1;1	5600MC;A;32R
2620116;1;1	4239RS;A;R
7820427;;R1	0924769;1;1
7821729;;R1	2020776;1;2
5034AX;A,B	2222602;1;2
2620068;1;1	2322180;1;2
2620069;1;2	2620206;1;2
2335NY;;R2	2620221;1;3
3575MC;B;R	2335NY;;R1
7822831;1;R9	2521815;1;1

Lots proposed to be designated as Municipal Reserve:

1620098;1;2	1970EO;;P
856MC;2;R2	7822831;2;R5
4;22;39;31;NE	3737KS;P1
7702AY;1	3737KS;P2
5823BK;R	1628CL;R
RN18;3;11	1483MC;2;1R
6729NY;;E	1483MC;2;8R
5665MC;4;R	1483MC;2;18R
856MC;;R3A	7722679;1;55R
856MC;;R5	7722679;1;65R
856MC;6;R6	7521105;;R13
856MC;;R4	1723277;2;2
856MC;;R3	0620731;1;4
7520233;1;R1	

Lots proposed to be designated as Public Utility Lot:

2220542;1;1
2322171;1;3MR

SCAN ME



Scan the QR code above for information and maps related to this Public Hearing.

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 2.5 miles west of Highway 2 at the intersection of Spruceville Road (Range Road 27-4) and Highway 12.

2) Attend and speak virtually:

Instructions for accessing the meeting by phone or online can be found on our website (www.lacombecounty.com)

3) Provide written comments:

If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing, but want to provide input, send your comments to **Jordan Nakonechny, Environmental Coordinator, prior to August 20, 2026**. Your comments can be sent by:

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

All submissions will be public information

For more information, please contact Jordan Nakonechny, Environmental Coordinator, at 403-782-8959 or email jnakonechny@lacombecounty.com.



ANNOUNCING

Lacombe County Weather Page
Find current and future weather/wind information specific to your area!

Stay ahead of the weather, Lacombe County!

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.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA REGIONAL
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Review Board**

**New Members Needed
Apply Today!**

Are you interested in making fair decisions on property assessments?

The Central Alberta Regional Assessment Review Board is an impartial, independent board responsible for issuing evidence based decisions on complaints relative to property assessments.

APPLY IF YOU HAVE

- experience serving on administrative boards or quasi-judicial boards
- professional or legal writing abilities and computer skills
- a flexible schedule, with availability during the day to attend training and hearings (about three days a month)
- the ability to organize and absorb large amounts of information then analyze and weigh evidence

DEADLINE TO APPLY

September 18, 2026
Apply online at
reddeer.ca/RARB

QUESTIONS?

403-342-8132
reddeer.ca/RARB



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 9, 2026

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council approved updates to the Lacombe County Drought Management Plan following the annual review by the Drought Preparedness Committee. The plan outlines internal and public-facing initiatives that support water conservation, drought preparedness, and response during periods of water shortage.

GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT REQUEST – BLISSFUL BEACH

Council approved the procurement of a geotechnical engineering consultant for the purpose of conducting a geotechnical assessment of Environmental Reserve lands at Blissful Beach, with **project costs not to exceed \$100,000.**

RMA RESOLUTION – SUSTAINABLE PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-OWNED, TEAM-BASED RURAL PRIMARY CARE

Council endorsed the resolution titled Sustainable Provincial Funding for Community-Owned, Team-Based Rural Primary Care for submission to the 2026 Fall Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Convention. The resolution advocates for sustainable provincial funding to support community-owned, team-based rural primary care.

HAMLET OF MIRROR AREA STRUCTURE PLAN UPDATE

Council received an update on the Hamlet of Mirror Area Structure Plan and endorsed the What We Heard Report, which summarized feedback

received through the community engagement process. Council authorized Administration to continue work on updating the Hamlet of Mirror Area Structure Plan.

LACOMBE LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN – TERMS OF REFERENCE, REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS & APPOINTMENTS

Council received a presentation on the proposed Lacombe Lake Management Plan, a collaborative initiative between Lacombe County, the Town of Blackfalds, and the City of Lacombe. Council endorsed the project's Terms of Reference and Request for Proposals.

Council appointed Councillor Visscher as Lacombe County's representative on the Lacombe Lake Management Plan Committee, with Councillor Knight serving as the alternate representative.

BUFFALO LAKE INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Council endorsed a joint letter of support from the Buffalo Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee requesting Provincial support to re-establish navigable access between Buffalo Lake and the Rochon Sands Provincial Park boat launch.

CITY OF LACOMBE CONNEX PARATRANSIT BUS REPLACEMENT FUNDING REQUEST

Council approved a contribution of up to \$12,279 to the City of Lacombe's Connex Paratransit Bus Replacement Project. Funding will be provided from the Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

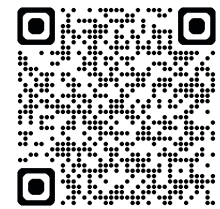
CONNECTIONS CORRIDOR PROJECT LETTER OF SUPPORT (REQUEST FROM CAEP)

Council approved providing a letter of support to the Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) for the Pacific Trade Corridor Initiative's grant application under Transport Canada's Trade Diversification Corridors Fund – Stream 2 program.

PROPOSED CHILD TAX CREDIT

Council considered a motion to direct Administration to prepare a report on the feasibility of implementing a \$100 child tax credit (or rebate) for residents under the age of 18 living in Lacombe County beginning in 2027. The motion was not approved.

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.

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



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NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Carnivores Custom Cuts & Retail: Built around family; Rooted in community



For Shawn and Kaitlyn Eliuk, opening Carnivores Custom Cuts and Retail was about more than starting a business. It was a chance to build a life close to home, provide a needed service and be present for their two children as they grow up. The shop is located just north of Eckville on Highway 766 in Lacombe County.

Shawn and Kaitlyn both have strong agricultural roots. Kaitlyn grew up on a farm near Lemberg, Saskatchewan, while Shawn was raised on a farm near Eckville. Before opening Carnivores, Shawn worked in the oilfield, a career that often took him away from home. As their children became more involved in activities, the couple began looking for a way to earn a living that would allow them to be there.

At the same time, they saw a real need in the community, with some producers waiting as long as 14 months to have an animal processed. Opening their own shop offered them an opportunity to create a family-focused life while providing a much-needed local service.

Kaitlyn had previously worked in a butcher shop, and in 2021, she and Shawn enrolled together in the Meat Processing program at Olds College with the goal of opening a shop of their own. They became the first married couple to complete the program together, gaining hands-on training in meat processing and full-service retail through the college's National Meat Training Centre.



As Shawn and Kaitlyn began putting their plans together, the pieces started to fall into place. A family-owned building north of Eckville became available to rent, offering the space, highway exposure and location they needed to bring their vision to life. They spent considerable time sourcing the right equipment for the shop, investing in a combination of new and quality second-hand pieces and carefully choosing what would best suit their needs and the business they were building.

Renovations started in August 2025, transforming the building into a cutting, processing, packaging and retail facility. Carnivores Custom Cuts and Retail officially opened its doors on July 17, 2026.

The initial processing takes place off-site, either at a provincially inspected facility in Penhold or through a mobile butchering service. The meat is then brought to Carnivores, where Shawn, Kaitlyn and their team complete the aging, custom cutting, processing and packaging according to each customer's preferences.

The Carnivores team includes Carsten, a butcher from Europe with more than 40 years of experience. His traditional approach includes using raw spices without fillers in the shop's sausages and other products, while giving Shawn and Kaitlyn the opportunity to continue building their own skills and experience.

Carnivores offers custom processing for beef, pork, bison, yak and wild game. Its retail store features locally sourced products, including beef raised on the family's own pasture or purchased from neighbouring producers.

Customers will find steaks, hamburger, sausage, bacon and jerky, including the shop's ribeye jerky, which quickly became a favourite. As Carnivores expands its retail selection, Shawn and Kaitlyn would like to connect with local producers offering AHS-approved cheese, baked goods and



other products that pair well with meat. Anyone interested in having their products carried in the storefront is encouraged to contact them. The couple hopes to eventually supply local restaurants.

Shawn and Kaitlyn have been grateful for the welcome they received from others in the butchering industry. Established butchers and processors shared advice, answered questions and worked with the couple as they prepared to open. Local businesses continue to refer customers and provide services that complement one another, showing how small communities benefit when businesses work together.

The wider community has embraced Carnivores just as warmly. Customers have stopped by to tour the facility, congratulate the family and, in some cases, bring gifts because they are excited to have the service available close to home. Shawn and Kaitlyn are proud to show people around, explain how their meat is handled and share the care that went into building the facility. In addition to meeting all AHS requirements, they chose to go a step further and build it to federal standards.

For now, the family is focused on doing the work well, building a strong reputation and earning the trust of its customers before considering future expansion. They want people to know where their food comes from, feel confident in how it is processed and be proud to support a business rooted in the community they call home.

CONNECT WITH CARNIVORES CUSTOM CUTS & RETAIL

Location: 39312 Hwy 766 Lacombe County, Eckville, AB

- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/p/Carnivores-Custom-Cuts-and-Retail-61552400487878/
- **Phone:** 1-403-373-6328
- **Email:** carnivoresbutchershop@gmail.com



Ellis Nature Centre update

Summer is flying by as Ellis prepares for Fall. We have been seeing lots of wildlife activity, new learning experiences, and partnerships that have brought exciting new opportunities. Colors are changing and temperatures are lowering as we begin to see Fall making its appearance. We have lots to see and do here at Ellis so come on by to check out all we have to offer at this beautiful location before we close October 15th for the season.

OWL ACTIVITY

After a long wait, wondering where the owls have gone, we have finally spotted some Great Horned Owls on site and seen three owlets as well. We have not been able to find their nest but have heard lots of activity and had multiple sightings. It has been exciting to know their around again.

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

We have seen almost 2,000 students during our open season between the school field trips and our summer camps, which have kept us busy and excited to see all the learning that's been going on.

We have had great success in many workshops this summer and introduced new workshops as well including To the Core Performance with programs such as Little Hooves, Farm Strong, and Women's Wellness and Dawn Derrien with The Boho Apothecary with workshops such as Nature Skool and Deep Dive Nature Journaling (starting Sept 5). We celebrated Canada Day together with multiple festivities and enjoyed our Bluebird Festival in July. August we had our Bug Jamboree and Moth night that were exciting and full of laughter.

EVENTS & CAMPS

G.O.A.T. Goodbye

Join us August 29th to 31st from 10am to 4pm as we give our goats the GOAT sendoff!

Our Goat Goodbye will feature a G.O.A.T. photo, Goat Poop Bingo, children's crafts and activities, and more. Make sure to keep an eye on social media & our website as more details are to come.

Culture Days

On September 12 & 13 we will celebrate Indigenous culture and Land-Based Learning with tours, teachings and traditional knowledge! We are grateful for our Elders and knowledge keepers who are sharing their knowledge with us: Dean, Charlene & Russell Burns, Linda Ophus, Clare Butterfly, Jojo Gopher and more! Come join us as we Celebrate the Voices of the Land here at Ellis Nature Centre.

Saturday September 12th will include:

- Opening ceremony
- Medicinal Plant Teachings
- Cree Language & Tipi Teachings
- Inukshuk Teachings & Soapstone Activity
- Bannock & Soup Lunch (donations collected for the Red Deer Food Bank)

Sunday September 13th will include:

- Medicinal Plant Teachings
- Land & Plant Walk
- Drums & Song
- Cree Language & Games
- Storytime in the Tipi
- Bannock & Soup Lunch (donations collected for the Red Deer Food Bank)

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WORKSHOPS

Deep Dive Nature Journaling

This 6-week workshop is brought to us by Dawn Derrien of Boho Apothecary starting September 5th from 11:00am to 12:30pm.

Probiotic Soda Making

Come make your own probiotic soda and learn about the time-honoured methods of wild fermentation in this workshop led by The Fermentation Station! September 5th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

Intro to Fermented Veggies

September 5th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm come make your own fermented veggies and learn about the time-honoured methods of wild fermentation in this workshop led by The Fermentation Station!

To The Core Equestrian Afternoons with Amy & Katie(mini pony) – September 5th

Little Hooves at 2:00pm to 2:40pm provides emotional awareness, confidence building, pony interaction, and an introduction to horsemanship for ages 4-8.

Farm Strong at 3:00pm to 3:40pm provides resilience, teamwork, movement, leadership, and pony assisted activities for ages 7-12.

Women's Wellness at 4:00pm to 5:00pm provides nervous system regulation, wellness tools, confidence, and guided equine experience for adults.

To The Core Equestrian Mornings with Amy & Katie(mini pony) – September 7th

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Farm Strong at 10:00am to 10:40am provides resilience, teamwork, movement, leadership, and pony assisted activities for ages 7-12.

Women's Wellness at 12:30pm to 1:30pm provides nervous system regulation, wellness tools, confidence, and guided equine experience for adults.

Hawks & Raptors Presentation

Join us on Sunday, October 4 from 1-3pm to learn all about American Kestrels, North America's smallest raptors! Strix Ecological will be presenting about their research with Kestrels, giving folks an overview of Kestrels, their work with them, and the data they've collected so far. After this presentation, we will lead folks out by the farm fields to look for hawks and raptors on our site. All ages are welcome, the ability to walk on uneven and unpaved surfaces is a must for the walking portion of this event.

Soap Making Workshop

Time for the final Soap Making Workshop of the 2026 season with Eliza Jane Studios on October 11 from 1:30pm to 3pm!

Learn how to make your own soap with Susan Nielsen of Eliza Jane Studios! You'll get to choose the scents and colours of your soap to make a truly unique soap bar that is exactly to your liking. Participants will go home with 6-8 bars worth of soap, perfect for stocking up or gifting to others. This workshop is \$85 per person, and all materials are provided for you. There are only 16 spots available and is open to adults only.

We look forward to seeing you soon!!

FOR RENT

Pasture Sprayers

Lacombe County Agriculture Services Has Pasture Sprayers for County Residents to Rent



RENTAL RATE - \$50.00/DAY

DEPOSIT - \$200.00 (deposit refundable when sprayer returned in good condition)

- ❖ Pull type - 400 gallon water capacity, 20 gallon/acre coverage
- ❖ Designed for spraying range and pasture in rough terrain
- ❖ Has additional hand gun system and fence line spraying nozzle
- ❖ Simple to operate
- ❖ Can be pulled by trucks OR tractors



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

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

The City of Lacombe is excited to host David Kincade's Advanced Grant Writing Course™ from September 21st to September 25th, 2026 at the Lacombe Memorial Centre. 13 spots are available.

Schedule:

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

Deliverables:

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

Question and Answer:

- Organizations will receive complimentary assistance in applying for a training grant with the course instructor, so please contact us as soon as possible.
- The training grant (Canada-Alberta Productivity Grant) may cover 50% of the trainee cost.
- Course Cost Per Trainee: \$5,000. Training Grant covers \$2,500 per trainee. Plus GST.
- The training grant is first come, first serve. **Submit by August 21st, 2026.**
- A reminder that the grant is reimbursed. The organization is required to pay the tuition before the course starts, and it submits for reimbursement the day after the course.
- If the organization is ineligible for the CAPG, they are required to fund the course cost.
- Learn more: <https://albertabusinessgrants.ca/grant-writing>



Contact: davidk@albertabusinessgrants.ca or 780-297-6177 to register by September 10th.

Tarp your load – Keep Lacombe County clean & safe

When heading to one of Lacombe County's Waste Transfer Stations, please remember to tarp your load.

While there is no bylaw requiring tarping in Lacombe County, we strongly encourage all residents to secure and tarp their loads—not only as a courtesy to others, but to help keep our community clean and safe.

WHY TARP YOUR LOAD?

Prevent roadside litter: Unsecured waste can easily blow out of vehicles, ending up in County

ditches and fields, harming the environment and increasing cleanup costs

Protect other drivers: Loose material falling off a vehicle can create serious hazards for others on the road.

We all have a role to play in preserving the beauty and safety of Lacombe County. Thank you for doing your part by securing your load. **For more information about Waste Transfer Stations, visit: <https://www.lrwsc.ca/>.**

RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

Home Support Services

Reliable Housekeeping for Seniors

Trained & Screened Providers

Services Offered:

- Laundry
- Kitchen, Living room, Bathroom cleaning
- Dusting
- Mopping
- Vacuuming
- Meal prep assistance
- Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly
- Lacombe, Blackfalds, Bentley, Clive and Lacombe County



SUPPORTED BY:   

Lacombe & District FCSS:
403-782-6637

Bentley FCSS:
403-748-2160

Clive FCSS:
403-784-2020

CALL NOW !





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



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

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AUGUST 26TH, 2026
11:00 O'CLOCK
AT THE RCMP DETACHMENT



Over The Hill & Loving The View

located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

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

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

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE \$10

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

Special programming (no charge) on Mondays/Wednesdays

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

Registration required for these programs
Move your body, make connections & socialize!
Call 403.748.2160

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

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

AROUND THE COUNTY



Alix, Alberta
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www.savinggracecanada.com

The work of rescue is only possible because of community support. Whether you choose to foster, adopt, donate, or volunteer you are helping make rescue possible. Thank you for continuing to support our organization and the animals who rely on us! If you are interested in either a one time donation or becoming a monthly donor please visit www.savinggracecanada.com/donate.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SAVING GRACE ANIMAL SOCIETY

Each month, as an animal rescue brings new challenges, new animals in need, and new success stories as pets find their forever homes.

Our shelter is full, and the calls keep coming. Over the past few weeks, we have welcomed multiple emergency intakes who needed a safe place to land. With our shelter at capacity and more animals in need every day, the demand for our rescue services is greater than ever. Every animal that comes through our doors deserves the chance to heal, feel safe, and find a loving forever home.

Summer Fundraising Events!

Mixed Golf Scramble - August 28, 2026 - Haunted Lakes Golf Course - Grab your clubs and join us for our annual Mixed Golf Scramble! Enjoy a fun evening on the course while supporting our organization! 50/50, raffle, proxy prizes and more!
To learn more or get your tickets please visit our Facebook page!



PETS OF THE MONTH - Meet Matilda and Jasmine

This month we are featuring Matilda and Jasmine as our Dogs of the Month!

Matilda is a sweet girl who is patiently waiting for her forever family. She has so much love to give and is hoping her perfect person will see what a special girl she is.

Jasmine is another wonderful girl looking for a family to call her own. She is ready to leave shelter life behind and begin the next chapter of her life with someone who will love her unconditionally.

You can learn more about Matilda, Jasmine, and all of our other adoptable animals by visiting our Facebook page.



MCMPL AUG & SEPT PROGRAMS

JUNE 22
- SEPT 4

ADULT SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

* STARTS JUNE 22, ENDS SEPT 4TH. PACKETS AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY. ALL WHO FINISH RECEIVE A PRIZE AND GET ENTERED INTO A GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY FOR A \$60 GIFT CARD TO A LOCAL BUSINESS AND A BOOK LOVERS BUNDLE.

THURS
AUG 27

TRIVIA NIGHT

7-8:30PM | 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.

SAT
SEPT 5

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

10AM-12 PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
BRING THE KIDS FOR A MORNING OF LEGO BUILDING FUN
* DROP-IN, FREE!

FRI
SEPT 11

NAILED IT! PAINT NIGHT

CHECK OUR SOCIALS OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.
JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF PURE PAINTING FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT!
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CHECK SOCIALS/WEBSITE FOR FEE.

FRI
SEPT 18

READER'S RETREAT

6-9PM | IN THE LIBRARY
RELAX, SIP SOME TEA & READ YOUR BOOK IN THE QUIET OF THE LIBRARY. ADULTS AND TEENS.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!

SAT
SEPT 19

CARDMAKING SATURDAY

CHECK OUR SOCIALS OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.
JOIN OUR CARDMAKING WORKSHOP AND CREATE BEAUTIFUL CARDS USING A VARIETY OF PAPER CRAFTING AND STAMPING TECHNIQUES.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CHECK SOCIALS/WEBSITE FOR FEE.

WED
SEPT 23

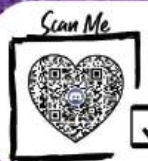
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TUES
SEPT 29

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

6-9PM | KINSMEN PROGRAM ROOM
JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL CRAFT NIGHT WITH OUR GUEST, MARIA BUFFALO AS SHE SHARES HER KNOWLEDGE OF INDIGENOUS CRAFTWORK.
* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE!



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

Link:

<https://discord.gg/vf6cBZ8kS>

DON'T FORGET:
OUR 4 ADULT BOOK CLUBS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS!
(FIRST EDITION, OVERDUE, NON-FICTION, & SPECULATIVE FICTION BOOK CLUBS!)

COMING SOON:
YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB!
(DETAILS TO BE RELEASED SOON!)

MORE DETAILS AT WWW.LACOMBELIBRARY.COM



Mary C Moore Library CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Fall 2026

DROP-INS FOR LITTLES

Classes start the week of September 14th

BABY RHYME TIME: 0-12 MONTH-OLDS WITH CAREGIVER

MONDAYS AT 10AM
30 MINUTES OF STORIES/RHYMES/SONGS

SENSORY STORY TIME: 1 AND 2 YEAR OLDS WITH CAREGIVER

MONDAYS AT 11AM
TUESDAYS AT 10 AM
30 MINUTES OF SENSORY PLAY/SONGS/STORIES

REGISTERED CLASSES

Classes start the week of September 7th

REGISTER ONLINE BEGINNING AT NOON ON SEPT 2ND www.lacombelibrary.com

STORY TIME: 3 TO 5 YEAR OLDS

WEDNESDAYS AT 10AM OR 11AM OR 1PM
THURSDAYS AT 10AM OR 11AM
1 HOUR OF STORIES/SONGS/CRAFTS/PLAY

READING CLUB 1 (RC1): 6 TO 8 YEAR OLDS

TUESDAYS AT 3:45
1 HOUR OF STORIES/CRAFTS/READING CHALLENGES

READING CLUB 2 (RC2): 9 TO 13 YEAR OLDS

THURSDAYS AT 3:45
1 HOUR OF STORIES/CRAFTS/STEM/GAMES/CHALLENGES

HOME SCHOOL READING CLUB (HSRC): 6 TO 13 YEAR OLDS

TUESDAYS AT 1PM
1 HOUR OF STORIES/CRAFTS/READING CHALLENGES

Summer Village of
GULL LAKE
Car Show
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CLASSIC CARS
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SUNDAY
SEPT 6
2026

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
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For more information on pricing, facilities, and amenities visit:
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Morningside Community Events

September 25, 26, and 27th, 2026

Travelling Dinner Show

- Includes light supper
- Tickets: \$35.00.
- Call 403-483-0056 or book tickets online.
- 18+ only

November 14, 2026

Duane Steele Band

- Cocktails at 5:30 pm
- Bob Ronnie catered dinner 6pm
- Silent Auction / Cash Bar
- Tickets: \$85.00 each or \$80.00 for table of six
- Call Glenna at 403-872-4254 for more information

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:

- **Tuesday, August 18th** - Fall registration opens at 8:30 a.m.
- **Monday, August 24th - Thursday, August 27th**
JLC Tryouts-Register today online or over the phone.
- **Saturday, August 29th** - FREE WIBIT Public Swim for Alberta Days 5:15p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, September 1st - Monday, October 12th**
Annual pool maintenance shutdown.

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



Blackfalds' Servus Credit Union Public Library

EAGLE BUILDERS CENTRE

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

Fall Programming

Baby & Toddler Time *Ages 0-3*
Music & Movement *Ages 1-4*
Page Turners Book Club *Ages 6-9*
Videogame Club *Ages 8+*
Reading Buddies *Ages 6-13*
After School Arts Club *Ages 10+*
Knitting & Crochet *Ages 18+*
5th Annual Miniature Figure Paint-a-thon *All Ages*

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

Borrowing

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

Hours

Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm
Monday	10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 6 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 8 pm
Thursday	10 am - 6 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm

Contact
403-885-2343
www.prl.ab.ca/blackfalds
Eagle Builders Centre 5302 Broadway Avenue
Blackfalds, AB T0M 0J0

Visit us on our website & social medias

WHAT WE DO

Alix and Area Community Resource Centre

Announcing... We are thrilled to welcome a familiar face back to the region, this Fall! Noah Mulzet, will be offering chiropractic services two days a week, bringing a passion for movement, wellness and community-first care.

Watch for more updates and information about this new offering.

Beach Days- Coming Soon!

On August 15, following the Alix Days Parade, enjoy Alix Beach activities from 12PM-4PM, including carnival games, lawn BINGO, scavenger hunt, face painting, money dig and more!

Launch a Learner- Apply Now

Contact us to apply if you are in need of school supplies.

We invite your help to make sure that every child has the tools they need to succeed by making a monetary donation at the Centre.

OR

- If you are shopping, double up on some items to donate
 - Collect new/ unused supplies from friends or family
- Please drop-off items at Alix CRC office or collection bins in Alix.

Hearing Clinic Day- Book Now

July 30 & August 27, 10AM-4PM.

Wax Removal (\$30/ear) and Free Clean & Check: hearing aid evaluations.



Block Party & Community Registration Night- Save the Date

Thursday, September 10, more details to follow.

ONGOING

~Weekly Veggie Delivery~ Available to Everyone! ONE bag per HOUSEHOLD. Veggies will be available for pick-up beginning on Tuesday, as of 1PM. Thank you Pik-N-Pak Produce Ltd.!

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

Closed all statutory holidays

Bay 1, 5008 50 Ave, Alix, AB

403-396-3369



Services Available

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

alixmirrorwellness@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook
@AlixandAreaCommunityResourceCentre

www.alixcrc.com

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www.lacombeathleticpark.ca

Scan QR code to book facility or for more info and events

Our Facility:

- Open to the public
- Multi-sport rubberized field
- 4 change rooms, 4 meeting rooms
- Basketball & pickleball courts

Check the website for upcoming football games!

Lacombe Memorial Trail Run

Check the website for run options and prices!
Register today and support the Athletic Park Volunteers Needed!
Sign up here!

THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 MAJOR RUN SPONSORS

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL & COATS FOR KIDS

DONATE OR APPLY TODAY!

Local Kids. Local Support. Real Impact.

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

Roots & Wings Harvest Dinner Fundraiser Gala

August 22nd 2026
From 5pm - 9pm

At Ellis Nature Centre
39502 Range Rd 260, Lacombe County

Price: \$125.00 (Fees included)
Tickets available on eventbrite

MORNINGSIDE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendar for the Duane Steele Band

November 14, 2026.
Cocktails at 5:30 pm
Bob Ronnie catered dinner @ 6pm
Silent Auction | Cash Bar

Tickets: \$85.00 each or \$80.00 for a table of six
Call Glenna at 403-872-4254 for more information
Save the date for Travelling Dinner Show in September.
More information coming soon!

FREE EVENT

EVERYONE IS INVITED! Good Neighbor Day

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 3:30 TO 7:30 PM
COME & GO AT THE BENTLEY AG CENTRE

Book Your Spot!
Non Profits/Service Providers - information tables available

Sponsor Opportunities

- *Door Prize
- *Water
- *Cookies

Volunteer Opportunities

- Set Up/Planning, Clean Up, Floaters

- Music for listening or dancing!
- Children's Corner - Seventh Day Adventist Church
- 22ft Bouncy Pirate Ship
- BBQ - Nutrien - thanks for the loan of the bbq!
- Facility - Bentley Ag Centre - thank you for the facility use!
- Touch A Vehicle - Town and others!

Info: 403-748-2160

Follow FB & the Community Newsletter for updates

TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER!

Family & Community Support Services

September 17th - November 14th

1907 - 2026: A Legacy in Research & Development

For more than a century, the Lacombe Research and Development Centre advanced Canadian agriculture through science, innovation, and collaboration. This exhibit honours the people, discoveries, and achievements that shaped its history and lasting legacy across Canada. Exhibit curated by the Lacombe Museum

Flatiron Building Museum (5005 50th Avenue, Lacombe)

Lakeside Hall Special Community Meeting

The board of the Lakeside Recreation Society is holding a special meeting on Sept. 9, 2026 7 PM at the Lakeside Hall to discuss and get input on the future direction of the hall.

All interested community members are invited to attend. Memberships, required to vote, will be sold at the door for \$2.00 Please contact lakeside.rec.society@gmail.com for more information.

DISC GOLF COURSE MAP

WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE OF ALIX DISC GOLF COURSE!

Enjoy the game, respect the course, and help keep it beautiful for everyone.

Disc golf uses a stroke-play scoring system identical to traditional ball golf, where the player with the lowest total number of throws wins. Each hole has a suggested par, and every throw plus penalty strokes counts as one point toward your final score. (1,2,3,4,5)

SCORING TERMS RELATIVE TO PAR

- ACE (HOLE-IN-ONE): Landing the disc in the basket on the first throw. (1,2)
- EAGLE: Two throws under par (-2). (1,2)
- BIRDIE: One throw under par (-1). (1,2)
- PAR: Reaching the basket in the exact number of designated throws (3). (1,2)
- BOGEY: One throw over par (+1). (1,2)
- DOUBLE BOGEY: Two throws over par (+2).

There is a disc set available at the concession you can sign out when it is open.

HOLE	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
PAR	2	2	5	1	4	3
DISTANCE	200'	200'	350'	155'	300'	210'

PLEASE RESPECT THE COURSE

BE CONSIDERATE of other players. Let faster groups play through.

STAY ON DESIGNATED PATHS and tree areas.

NO WANDALISM Help protect trees, plants and equipment.

PETS ARE WELCOME Please keep them on a leash and clean up after them.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP OUR COURSE GREAT!

Share your Alberta Day experiences using #AlbertaDay.

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Join us for FREE Alberta Day fun!

- » Hometown Concert featuring Albertan talent
- » Indigenous Art Class
- » Chalk Murals
- » Family Skate
- » Museum Experiences
- » Blacksmith Shop Experience
- » Art in the Garden
- » Pickleball & Badminton
- » Free WIBIT Public Swim
- » Downtown Walking Tour
- » Football Games

Celebrating 121 years of Alberta's history, culture, creativity, and community spirit as part of our shared Canadian story.

JOIN US FOR ALBERTA DAY

Alberta

CELEBRATE WITH US!
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

FOR A FULL EVENT SCHEDULE, VISIT lacombe.ca/albertaday



WE ARE HIRING
Join Our Team

RENTAL COORDINATOR

- Respond to rental inquiries
- Coordinate & schedule rentals
- Prepare & distribute electronic rental contracts

FOR MORE INFORMATION email: haynescommunitysociety@gmail.com

2026
LIVE STANDARD BRED RACING CALENDAR
CASINO & HORSE RACING
CASINO OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

THE TRACK on 2
The Track On 2 - Where you can always bet on the excitement of the race!

JULY	August	September
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

THE TRACK ON 2
40309 Range Road 272
Lacombe County, Alberta, Canada
Phone: 1-403-786-3122
Email: thetrackon2@gmail.com
www.thetrackon2.com

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

Kidz Klub back Monday, September 14!
Kicking off with games, icebreakers, and getting to know the new crew.
Then we want to hear what you want to do this year!
Bring your ideas. Bring a friend.
See you the 14th.
To Register:
Barb Carson- 403-748-2160
Heather McLaren- 403-704-4600

FREE

LEARN SOMETHING NEW AT THE COUNTY OF LACOMBE LIFELONG LEARNING ASSOCIATION

COMING IN SEPTEMBER AT THE COUNTY OF LACOMBE LIFELONG LEARNING ASSOCIATION:

- CHAIR YOGA
- COOKING CLASSES
- FRENCH CLASSES
- LEARN ENGLISH
- SPANISH CLASSES
- EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS
- WILLS & ESTATES
- CRAFT CLASSES
- SAGE ACCOUNTING
- SIGN LANGUAGE
- WORD OR EXCEL
- MATH & READING
- BASIC BOOKKEEPING
- COMPUTERS
- COFFEE & COMPUTERS

AND SO MUCH MORE, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Most class start dates are ongoing and flexible.
Contact us for more info: (403) 782-7955 office@cllla.com or use the QR code to check out the current Don't Hibernate

The County of Lacombe Lifelong Learning
What's Coming Up!

FALL ACTIVE LIVING FAIR
WEDNESDAY
SEPT. 9, 2026
4:30-7:30 PM
AT THE LMC

TO BOOK A TABLE- \$20
OFFICE@CLLLA.COM
(403) 782-7955

FREE!
Heather McLaren: 403-704-4600

Stay & Play
Playgroup
Child ages 0-6 plus caregiver
Friday @ Town of Bentley Office
Basement 10am-12pm
Free play, craft, story & more!

Back Friday, September 4, with new hours! Fridays, 10:00-12:00, and now fully drop-in- come at 10, come at 11, come for twenty minutes! We're starting the season with fall sensory play and time to meet the other families in the room. We can't wait to see you there!

need a job?
NEW FUTURES
A free program to help get you into your new life.

FREE EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS AT LACOMBE LIFELONG LEARNING ASSOC.

Day One AM	Day Two AM	Day Three AM	Day Four AM
Career Exploration	How To Get A Job	Career Planning	Change Management
Day One PM	Day Two PM	Day Three PM	Day Four PM
Mental Fitness And Resiliency	Interview Skills	Resume & Cover Letter Development	Goal Setting And Taking Action

CONTACT US TO REGISTER:
(403) 782-7955 OR OFFICE@CLLLA.COM, OR US OR CODE

2026
start dates: **AUG. 10TH**
SEPT 14TH
OCT 19TH

STARTS AT 9AM DAILY
COME FOR 1 OR ALL SESSIONS
ONLINE OR IN PERSON FOR ADULTS 18+

CAEC PREP PROGRAM
Canadian Adult Education Credit

PRE-Registration and assessment required:
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING:
~Canadian citizen
~18+ and 1 year out of school
COST without funding for PREP COURSE is approximately \$200.00 this cost varies depending on needs of students.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Visit us at: 5230 45th St Lacombe, AB
Lacombe Centre Mall
403)782-7955 office@cllla.com

Next Session Starts in September

ACADEMIC EXPRESS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	SEPT 1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day (Office Closed)	8	9	10 Council Meeting 9AM	11 County News Submissions Due	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 County News Published	19
20	21	22	23	24 Council Meeting 9AM	25	26
27	28	29	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	OCT 1	2	3

Upcoming Events: October 6: Committee of the Whole (9AM), October 8: County Council Meeting (9AM),
October 12: Thanksgiving (Office Closed), October 20: Organizational Meeting
October 22: County Council Meeting (9AM)

ATTENTION: Notification of Access for County Assessors

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

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



Lacombe County Directory

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Operations - 403-782-8379

Public Works Shop - 403-782-3567

General

After Hours Emergency Answering Service 403.357.1210

Administration Fax 403.782.3820

Public Works Fax 403.782.5356

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

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